

15th December 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, your daughter has recently taken her mock examinations. Please find enclosed her Maths and Science results, together with an examination timetable for the period January – April 2012 and an attendance printout for the year to date. You may also find included individual letters from her subject teachers if there is a concern about her work.

Your daughter will receive the remainder of her mock examination results on Monday, 9th January 2012 (Mock Results Day). The Maths and Science results have been released early in order to facilitate revision for the modular examinations in January.

These examinations will play an important role in determining your daughter's overall GCSE grades for Maths and Science. End of Key Stage 4 target grades have been set for your daughter in all subjects and she should be aiming to achieve these.

I ask for your support in ensuring that some time is spent over the Christmas holidays, and in the weeks leading up to the examinations, revising for Maths, Science and any other subjects in which she is taking an exam in the Spring term.

Your daughter's subject teacher will have given her information about appropriate revision resources. The school's VLE is also an excellent source of information. **I would particularly like to draw your attention to a new audio presentation called "Revision Tactics," which can be accessed by following the link on the VLE home page.** It is crucial that your daughter is well prepared and returns to school in the New Year aware of any gaps in her knowledge and understanding so that she can work with her subject teachers to resolve them. It is also very important that she completes any outstanding coursework or controlled assessments to the very best of her ability as they have a big impact on final GCSE grades.

There is also a strong correlation between good attendance and academic success. The school threshold for satisfactory attendance is 96% and many pupils manage to achieve in excess of this, which is commendable. If your daughter's current attendance falls below 96% this is a cause for concern and must improve if she is to fulfil her potential. Every lesson really does count! The single most important factor for your daughter to achieve success at the end of Key Stage 4 is that she attends regularly and punctually. Again, I ask for your support in these final few months of Year 11 in ensuring that your daughter attends every day for the remainder of her time at school. She will miss out and quickly fall behind if she is absent!

You will receive your daughter's full written report and further attendance information in January.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and all good things for 2012.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L. Gibson
Deputy Headteacher

**Year 11 Examinations
January - April 2012**

Week beginning 3 January			Art, Photography and Textiles Controlled Assessment pre-release material issued to students for exams to take place in March and April	
Week beginning 3 January			Sociology pre-release material for summer exam issued to students for exam on 27 June	
Week beginning 9 January			PE Preliminary material issued to students for exam on 23 May and 30 May (double award)	
Tues	10 Jan	1.30 pm	Business Studies	45 mins
Mon	16 Jan	All day (Inset day)	LAMDA exams (Years 10 and 11)	Student will be advised of time and length
Tues	17 Jan	1.30 pm	History Unit 1	1¼ hrs
Wed	18 Jan	1.30 pm	Ethics Paper 1	1 hour
Wed	18 Jan	1.30 pm	Ethics Paper 2	1 hour
Thurs	19 Jan	1.30 pm	Maths Unit 1	1 hour
Thurs	19 Jan	1.30 pm	Maths Unit 2	1 hour
Tues	24 Jan	9.15 am	Additional Applied Science Unit 2	1 hour
Tues	24 Jan	9.15 am	Biology Units 1, 2 and 3	45 mins each paper
Wed	25 Jan	1.30 pm	History Unit 3	1¼ hrs
Thurs	26 Jan	9.15 am	Chemistry Units 1 and 2	45 mins each paper
Mon	30 Jan	1.30 pm	Physics Units 1 and 2	45 mins each paper
From 31 January - 9 March			Science ISAs x 3 will take place in class	
Thurs	2 Feb	9.15 am	Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 9-11)	
Week beginning 6 February			Performing Arts Solo Choreography exam	Students will be advised of day, time and length
Thurs	1 March	9.15 am	Science Modules (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	30 mins per paper
Fri	2 March	All day	Year 11 Performing Arts Exam	Students will be advised of time and length
Week beginning 12 March			French Orals this week	½ hour per student, by appointment with teacher
Week beginning 12 March			Music Composition Controlled Exam (2 days this week)	Days to be advised by teacher
Mon	12 March	All day	Art Controlled Exam (First Day)	
Tues	13 March	All day	Art Controlled Exam (Second Day)	
Week beginning 19 March			German Orals this week	½ hour per student, by appointment with teacher
Mon - Thurs	26 - 29 March	All Day	Photography Controlled Exam (2 days will be allocated to the 3 groups)	Days which are allocated to each group will be advised by teacher
Wed	18 April	All Day	Textiles Controlled Exam (First day)	
Wed	25 April	All Day	Textiles Controlled Exam (Second day)	

Please note there will be dates for Controlled Assessments and internal deadlines for other subjects during this time.