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Dear Parent/Carer

## Mock Examinations Update – Year 11

Since returning to the Academy following the Christmas break, students in Year 11 have been working hard to address any knowledge or skills gaps identified in their mock examinations completed in November 2023. Students are now rigorously preparing in lessons for their final collection of Year 11 mock examinations before they sit their final examinations this summer.

With just 12 weeks until the summer GCSE examination series begins, it is important that we share with you an update on the assessment programme and upcoming events for Year 11 to enable you to plan and prepare for the weeks and months ahead.

## Mock Examinations – February 2024

The next window of mock examinations will start on **Monday 05 February 2024** and will end on **Monday 26 February 2024**. It is **critical** that your child continues to prepare for their mock examinations seriously, recognising the impact that their effort and attainment could have on their future. To ensure your child can access all their learning and have the best chance of success in their mock examinations it is **essential** they attend school every day, on time, and we ask that any appointments, as far as possible, are arranged to take place outside of the school day.

Please find enclosed with this letter a copy of the upcoming mock examination timetable.

## Implementing Mock Examinations

Please remember that all mock examinations are completed in the Sports Hall under exam conditions – these are the same conditions students will experience in their final GCSE examinations this summer. Students received an update of the expectations, routines and conduct during exams last Friday in anticipation of the start of the mock examinations.

Students who qualify for Access Arrangements have already been screened by our relevant team of staff and will complete their examinations in an alternative venue (as appropriate) to accommodate their needs. If this applies to your child, they will already be aware and mirror our arrangements from our previous mock examination window. This is another excellent opportunity for our students to familiarise themselves with the examination process in readiness for their final GCSE examinations in summer 2024. Please discuss your child's examinations with them and encourage them to revise.

It is important that we remind you that all students must wear **full** school uniform, and follow all expectations outlined in our Behaviour for Learning and Uniform Policy which can be accessed here: <https://www.oasisacademylordshill.org/academy-life/uniform>. If any student is not meeting our uniform expectations, then they **will not** be permitted to enter the exam venue. It is therefore **critical** that any outstanding uniform concerns are addressed in time for this series of mock exams. If you have any questions about uniform, then please contact us at the Academy as a priority.

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## **Mock Examination Feedback and Feedforward**

The most useful part of our assessment cycle is the quality of the feedback students receive, and how this enables them to feedforward. Feedforward is where students address the gaps in their knowledge, skills and understanding so that they can accelerate their progress as they prepare for their summer 2024 examinations. Students will receive feedback on their mock examinations and their teachers will continue to plan opportunities for students to connect with the key knowledge that has been identified as an area of development. Many subjects will also provide feedforward homework for the Easter break so that students can prepare for their final GCSE examinations.

Results from your child's mock examinations will be made available on **Thursday 21 March 2024**. This report will mirror the format of the report we shared in November 2023.

## **Summer GCSE Examinations – May 2024**

We have now received the formal dates for the summer 2024 GCSE examination series and timetable of examinations from the exam boards. Please be aware that the common examination timetable will start on **Thursday 09 May 2024** and is due to end on **Wednesday 26 June 2024** (inclusive of the contingency day). We will share further detail of the summer examination timetable with you, together with final curriculum plans, following the February 2024 mock examination window.

Since the global pandemic in 2020, our government has introduced contingency plans in the event of any unexpected national incidents. As part of this national contingency policy, Ofqual has mandated that schools must ensure they collect evidence of performance for each student. At Oasis Academy Lord's Hill, this evidence is formed largely from the mock examinations that students will sit this February, and will be supplemented with evidence from the previous November 2023 mock examination window. It is therefore **critical** that your child attends **all** of their mock examinations this February.

## **Year 11 Results Day – August 2024**

A reminder that the government has confirmed that Year 11 Results Day will take place this summer on **Thursday 22 August 2024**. We are looking forward to celebrating our students' successes as they transition to their post-16 destination and, again, will share further information on the arrangements for this in May 2024.

Should you have any questions about the content of this letter, or the mock examinations that your child will complete, then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance who will be pleased to offer support. We look forward to a successful Year 11 mock examination series this spring and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

**Mr S Knight**  
Vice Principal

# YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

MONDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2024 – MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2024

DATE	EXAM PAPER	MAIN COHORT		
		START	DURATION	LOCATION
Monday 05 February	Biology – Paper 2 (Combined / Separates)	9.00AM	1h15 / 1h45	Sports Hall
	History – Paper 3	1.00PM	1h20	Sports Hall
Tuesday 06 February	English Language – Paper 1	9.00AM	1h45	Sports Hall
	Spanish – Writing (FT / HT)	1.00PM	1h05 / 1h20	Sports Hall
Wednesday 07 February	Mathematics – Paper 1 (Non-calculator)	9.00AM	1h30	Sports Hall
	Geography – Paper 1	1.00PM	1h30	Sports Hall
Thursday 08 February	Chemistry – Paper 2 (Combined / Separates)	9.00AM	1h15 / 1h45	Sports Hall
	English Language – Paper 2	1.00PM	1h45	Sports Hall
Friday 09 February	Art	9.00AM	5h00	Sports Hall
	Spanish – Listening & Reading (FT / HT)	9.00AM	1h20 / 1h45	1.01 / 1.02
	Arabic & Persian – Listening & Reading (FT / HT)	1.00PM	1h20 / 1h45	1.01 / 1.02
<b>HALF TERM</b>				
Tuesday 20 February	English Literature – Paper 1	9.00AM	1h45	Sports Hall
	Computer Science – Paper 1	1.00PM	1h30	Sports Hall
Wednesday 21 February	Mathematics – Paper 2 (Calculator)	9.00AM	1h30	Sports Hall
	Dance – Component 2	1.00PM	1h30	Sports Hall
	Spanish – Listening & Reading (FT / HT) <b>ART CLASH</b>	1.00PM	1h20 / 1h45	1.01 / 1.02
Thursday 22 February	Physics – Paper 2 (Combined / Separates)	9.00AM	1h15 / 1h45	Sports Hall
	Food Preparation and Nutrition	1.00PM	1h45	Sports Hall
	Health and Social Care	1.00PM	2h00	Sports Hall
	National Reference Test (NRT) <b>DFE TEST</b>	1.00PM	1h30	Sports Hall
Friday 23 February	Mathematics – Paper 3 (Calculator)	9.00AM	1h30	Sports Hall
	Computer Science – Paper 2	1.00PM	2h00	Sports Hall
Monday 26 February	Photography	9.00AM	5h00	Sports Hall
	Geography – Paper 2 (Section C <u>only</u> )	9.00AM	0h30	Sports Hall
	Polish – Listening & Reading (FT / HT)	9.00AM	1h20 / 1h45	1.01 / 1.02
	Community Languages – Writing (FT / HT)	1.00PM	1h20 / 1h45	1.01 / 1.02