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Dear Parent / Carer

Mock Examinations – Year 11

Students in Year 11 have been working hard to address any knowledge or skills gaps that were identified in their Year 10 mock examinations in July 2023. Students have also been preparing in lessons for their upcoming mock examinations which start on **Monday 30 October 2023**.

The purpose of assessment at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill is to give students the opportunity to demonstrate what they know and what they can do. It is also to enable staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the taught curriculum in each subject, and to help identify each student's individual strengths and areas of development. This is so that we can respond to the knowledge and/or skill gaps identified through an assessment, re-sequence of the upcoming curriculum, and update our intervention provisions.

For students, mock examinations provide valuable opportunities to build their experience and skills in how to revise effectively, as well as ensuring that key knowledge is revisited regularly to help them to retain this in their long-term (working) memory. Mock examinations are also a very good opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the examinations process in readiness for the final GCSE examinations they will complete next summer.

This letter outlines how students can prepare to perform in their upcoming mock examinations, how you can support your child as a parent / carer, and the steps we are taking as an Academy to support your child in reaching their full potential.

Mock Examination Arrangements

All mock examinations will take place in the Sports Hall in formal examination conditions. The mock exam timetable for Year 11 can be found on the final page of this letter. Students will have a formal seating plan for each exam, and each student will have a fixed seat throughout this mock exam season. A personalised mock exam timetable will be shared in advance of students start of the mock exam window, which will include rooming, seat numbers, length of each exam and any Exam Access Arrangements (EAAs).

Next week the precise guidance and rules for examinations will be shared with students during their weekly assembly. This will include our expectations during mock examinations, as well as student conduct. Students who qualify for Exams Access Arrangements (EAAs) will have their needs met by our learning support team and will take their mock examinations in another venue to accommodate their needs.

It is important that we remind you that all students **must** wear their **full** Academy uniform, following all expectations in our Uniform Policy 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 using the contact details at the end of this letter.

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End of Year Revision Booklet – Year 11

Please find enclosed with this letter our Autumn Mock Examinations Revision Booklet for Year 11. Subject leaders have shared the key knowledge and significant skills that could be assessed in the upcoming mock examinations. This information has been supplemented with resources that your child can access directly using their Oasis Horizons iPad. Students have also been provided with a digital copy of this booklet by email and it is available here: <https://www.oasisacademylordshill.org/learning/examinations>.

Parental Support in Preparing to Perform

We are committed to working in partnership with you as parents / carers, and communication is key in ensuring that we meet this commitment. The first step that we would ask you to take with your child after receiving this letter is to discuss their upcoming mock exams with them and encourage them to revise in readiness so that they are prepared to perform.

At Oasis Academy Lord's Hill, we are also providing you with a Parental Support package. This package includes advice and guidance materials on how you can support your child in preparing for their mock exams. This information comes from our partner organisations, PiXL (Partners in Excellence) and GCSEPod. A copy of this package is attached to this letter and can also be found on our website here: <https://easyupload.io/9oq611>.

Students will begin applying for colleges and other post-16 destinations from this term, and they will be asked to share their most recent grades in school. For many students, these mock examination results will be the grades that they will need to report and so we want for every child to make their best effort to showcase what they **know** and **can do**.

There is a wealth of information on the internet and in blogs about how to support your child with study habits and revision. Mock exams can be stressful for students and for you as a parent / carer. It would therefore be useful if you carved out some time with your child over the half term break and, together, you look at the website here: <https://bit.ly/ParentRevise>, and review steps you can take as a family to support your child in securing success in their upcoming mock examinations.

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 and master their learning as they prepare to transition to their chosen post-16 destination.

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 Christmas break so that students can prepare for their next mock examination window in February 2024.

Results from your child's mock examinations will be made available at our Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening on **Thursday 23 November 2023**. This report will include:

- a grade that your child achieved for the mock exams that they completed,
- a collection of percentage scores so you can see how your child's attainment compares with their peers in Year 11, and
- Determination to Learn scores, reporting on effort, behaviour for learning and homework.

We thank you for your time in reading this letter. We hope the information provided here is detailed and helpful to you. 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 autumn and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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YEAR 11 – MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE



DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EXAM	DURATION
MONDAY 30 OCTOBER	09.00 AM	ART BARN 1.01 & 1.02	Art – Practical Portfolio	5h00
			Health and Social Care (Part 1 – Tasks 1-3)	3h00
TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER	09.00 AM	SPORTS HALL	English Language – Paper 1	1h45
	1.00 PM	SPORTS HALL	Combined Science: Trilogy – Chemistry – Paper 1 (FT/HT) Chemistry – Paper 1 (FT/HT)	1h15 1h45
WEDNESDAY 01 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	SPORTS HALL	Mathematics – Paper 1 (Non-calculator)	1h30
	1.00 PM	AWP SPORTS HALL	BTEC Sport (Practical – Football) Spanish – Listening & Reading (FT / HT)	2h00 1h20 / 1h45
THURSDAY 02 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	SPORTS HALL	History – Paper 1	1h15
	1.00 PM	SPORTS HALL	Combined Science: Trilogy – Biology – Paper 1 (FT/HT) Biology – Paper 1 (FT/HT)	1h15 1h45
FRIDAY 03 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	SPORTS HALL	Geography – Paper 2	1h00
	1.00 PM	SPORTS HALL	Combined Science: Trilogy – Physics – Paper 1 (FT/HT) Physics – Paper 1 (FT/HT)	1h15 1h45
MONDAY 06 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	SPORTS HALL	English Literature – Paper 2	2h15
	1.00 PM	SPORTS HALL	Computer Science – Paper 1 Food Preparation and Nutrition Dance – Component 2	1h30 1h45 1h30
TUESDAY 07 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	SPORTS HALL	Mathematics – Paper 2 (Calculator)	1h30
	1.00 PM	SPORTS HALL	Geography – Paper 3	0h45
WEDNESDAY 08 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	THEATRE SPORTS HALL 1.01 & 1.02	Performing Arts (Acting) Music – Component 2 Spanish – Writing (FT / HT) Health and Social Care (Tasks 4 & 5)	5h00 5h00 1h00 / 1h15 3h00
	1.00 PM	SPORTS HALL	BTEC Sport (Practical – Basketball)	2h00
THURSDAY 09 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	SPORTS HALL	Mathematics – Paper 3 (Calculator)	1h30
	1.00 PM	SPORTS HALL	History – Paper 3	1h20
FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER	09.00 AM	1.01 & 1.02 SPORTS HALL	Photography – Practical Portfolio BTEC Sport (Practical – Other Sports)	5h00 3h00
THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER	9.00AM	SPORTS HALL	BTEC Sport (Practical – Coaching)	5h00
FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER	9.00AM	SPORTS HALL	BTEC Sport (Practical – Coaching)	5h00

Catch Up Mock Examinations take place from Monday 13 November 2023 to Wednesday 15 November 2023 where a student has an authorised absence.