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November Mock Examinations

October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At St Joseph's we are committed to helping every child achieve their potential. As part of this process all Year 11 and 13 students will be sitting mock examinations in the weeks of the 8th of November and the 15th of November.

It is important that all students are fully prepared for these examinations as they will be used to inform staff and pupils of progress towards their GCSE target grades. The mock results will also be analysed to highlight any areas of weakness that need to be addressed. All students have been encouraged to include an appropriate balance between revision and leisure over the holiday.

To help with preparation, students have received before half term,

- an exam timetable,
- a revision plan timetable,
- links to support revision for each subject,
- materials for revision from their class teacher

Please encourage your child to persevere with their studies, support them with their exam preparations and try their best with mock examinations. We know from experience that students who invest time wisely and take control of their learning at this stage perform better in their final examinations.

Students must bring a black pen, pencil, rubber and ruler to each exam. They must also bring a calculator to exams where it is required. Students must not bring into the exam hall mobile phones, a watch or any notes/paper. We expect students to behave as they will in the summer exams and it is essential that they do not communicate in any way with other students in the exam room.

The government and Ofqual have published a consultation on 'plan B' in the unlikely event that exams have to be cancelled next year. The consultation outlines that teacher assessed grades would be used again with schools being asked to collect evidence throughout the year. Should we be required to produce teacher assessed grades then mock assessments would form part of this evidence.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. McGuinness

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