

Monday 16 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 11 Mock Examinations 2021

Year 11 Mock examinations will commence from Monday 11 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021. This will ensure your daughter experiences formal mocks in the lead up to her public examinations in May/June 2021 and will support her in the rigour and formalities of the process. Mock exams will also provide an accurate assessment method to monitor and track her progress throughout the year. Staff will standardise the assessments across each qualification. All assessments are being recorded via departmental trackers.

Due to the significant disruption this year caused by Covid and national school closures, I met with Year 11 students on Monday 9 November to talk through the exam changes in preparation for next year. This was communicated with parents via letter on Friday 6 November (copy available via the e-bulletin and school website www.stjulies.org.uk). Currently, there are a number of teaching unions in discussion with central government to review the exam system for next year. We have informed all students that it is essential that they continue to produce classwork, homework and ongoing assessments to the very best of their ability throughout the academic year.

Unions have suggested a number of different approaches due to the significant disruption to students' learning this year, but the Department for Education have stated that exams will start three weeks later than planned in May 2021. If this changes, we will keep parents fully informed.

Study leave will not be permitted for any students during this time.

Please continue to support your daughter at home with her revision materials and encourage 100% attendance to school. Revision sessions for most subject areas have now started. All students have been handed a revision pack containing a number of resources as well as a pre-populated USB with a range of materials, including all past papers and mark schemes. Alongside this, students have access to Educake, MathsWatch and GCSEPod, which includes short videos for all qualifications and step-by-step guides for understanding difficult concepts, topics and theories. The VLE is fully resourced with all lesson and assessment materials since summer term 2020.

If your daughter is required to self-isolate, she can access all lessons via the VLE or Microsoft Teams.

Prior to each mock examination, all students will be requested to line up in silence and know their seat numbers (published in the dining room). Exam access arrangements will apply to all mock and external examinations.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Year 11 Mock examination information. Your daughter will receive an individualised exam timetable with seat numbers prior to the start of mock examinations.

Mock examination results would normally be handed out at Year 11 Parent's Evening on Thursday 11 February 2021. However, the plans for this event may change pending any

amendments to lockdown restrictions. Further information to follow regarding the plans for Parent's Evening. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact school. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, cooperation and understanding during these difficult and unpredictable times.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K McCourt

Deputy Head teacher for KS3/4

January 2021 Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable

A lead examination invigilator will be in place all week, for each session.

Exam access arrangements are in place and students will be issued with individual timetables, seat numbers and room allocations. Art, Graphics and Hospitality will be externally assessed.

Session	Papers	Time	Session time
Monday 11 January (AM)	English Language	1hr 45mins	9:00-10:45
Monday 11 January (PM)	Religious Studies	1hr 45mins	1:30-3:15
Tuesday 12 January (AM)	English Literature	1hr 45mins	9:00-10:45
Tuesday 12 January (PM)	Mathematics - Paper 1 (non-calculator)	1hr 30mins	1:30-3:00
Wednesday 13 January (AM)	Science – Biology (Trilogy)	1hr 15mins	9:00-10:15
	Science – Biology (Triple)	1hr 45mins	9:00-10:45
Wednesday 13 January (PM)	Mathematics - Paper 2 (calculator)	1hr 30mins	1.30-3:00
Thursday 14 January (AM)	Option B Drama Geography History - Paper 1 Physical Education - Paper 1 Sociology	1hr 45mins 1hr 30mins 1hr 1hr 15mins 1hr 45mins	9:00-10:45 9:00-10:30 9:00-10:00 9:00-10:15 9:00-10:45
Thursday 14 January (PM)	Science – Chemistry (Trilogy) Science – Chemistry (Triple)	1hr 15mins 1hr 45mins	1:30-2:45 1:30-3:15
Friday 15 January (AM)	Mathematics – Paper 3 (calculator)	1hr 30mins	9:00-10:30
Friday 15 January (PM)	Science – Physics (Trilogy) Science – Physics (Triple)	1hr 15mins 1hr 45mins	1:30-2:45 1:30-3:15

Monday 18 January (AM)	Option B: History - Paper 2 Physical Education – Paper 2	1hr 1hr 15mins	9:00-10:00 9:00-10:15
Monday 18 January (PM)	Option A: Business Studies Music Sociology Computer Science – Paper 1	2hrs 1hr 30mins 1hr 45mins 1hr 30mins	1:30-3:30 1:30-3:00 1:30-3:15 1:30-3:00
Tuesday 19 January (AM)	French – Listening (Foundation) French – Listening (Higher) Spanish – Listening (Foundation) Spanish – Listening (Higher)	35 mins 45 mins 35 mins 45 mins	9:00-9:35 9:00-9:45 9:00-9:35 9:00-9:45
Tuesday 19 January (MID)	French – Reading (Foundation) Spanish – Reading (Foundation) French – Reading (Higher) Spanish – Reading (Higher)	45 mins 45 mins 60 mins 60 mins	11:00-11:45 11:00-11:45 11:00-12:00 11:00-12:00
Tuesday 19 January (PM)	French – Writing (Foundation) Spanish – Writing (Foundation) French – Writing (Higher) Spanish – Writing (Higher)	60 mins 60 mins 75 mins 75 mins	1:30-2:30 1:30-2:30 1:30-2:45 1:30-2:45
Wednesday 20 January (AM)	Option C: Business Studies Dance Geography History – Paper 1	2hrs 1hr 30mins 1hr 30mins 1hr	9:00-11:00 9:00-10:30 9:00-10:30 9:00-10:00
Wednesday 20 January (MID)	Computer Science – Paper 2	1hr 30mins	11:00-12:30
Wednesday 20 January (PM)	Mop-up sessions for any missed exams due to absence		

Equipment

Students must bring the correct equipment to each exam: pen; pencil; ruler; protractor; scientific calculator; compass and a rubber.

Examinations will take place in the sports hall. Some students entitled to exam access arrangements will sit their exams in the Learning Support area.

Preparation for Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 11 February 2021

All students will receive a copy of their Mock GCSE results at Parents' Evening. This may be subject to change