



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few changes to January 2022 Year 11 mocks as well as some areas of importance.

No Watches- This is a change that has been brought in by the Joint Council of Qualifications (JCQ) as many watches now have electronic capabilities whilst still looking like a watch they have put in place a blanket ban on them.

Catch up sessions- Historically here at Langtree we have tried to catch up where a student may be absent from a mock exam by asking them to sit absent papers at a later date. This year there will not be catch up for all exams. This is because a student who has missed an assessment may hear about the content of the assessment from their peers. Usually, we are happy to manage this, but as these assessments may be used as part of teacher assessed grades we are unable to bend our rules. We may still ask a student to sit the paper for practice reasons, and to offer feedback. This will be a subject decision on a case by case basis.

Yellow cards- These are used by the Staff at Langtree School for a number of reasons. They are usually placed on a desk within the last 10 minutes of an exam. They are a yellow laminated card that says "please remain in your seat at the end of the exam". These can be used if we need to pass a message on or to talk about something that has happened during the exam. Students who receive one should not assume that they are in trouble.

Heating- Whilst the sports hall does have a heating system, as the students are sitting still for such long periods of time it is likely that they will be cold. If you suffer from the cold please consider wearing thermals or an extra base layer. Exam uniform rules still apply- so students are not permitted to wear **coats** or hats.

Coats and bags- We will expect all students to stow their bags, coats and valuables in their lockers rather than bring them to the pre-exam meet. Please do not leave them in the main hall.

Malpractice- As stated in the assembly video, any malpractice during the mocks will have to be submitted to the exam board. This is a precaution in case the marks from these papers are used to award a final grade in the still unlikely event of the exams being cancelled this year. This includes, but is not limited to, any forms of communication within the exam room, failure to comply with instructions given by a member of staff, attempting to cheat or bringing unauthorised items into the exam room.

Information for candidates- Below is a link to the official JCQ documents which helps support a candidates understanding of the rules and regulations, and what is expected of them by the exam boards. Please do take a moment to read these through

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/IFC-Written_Examinations_2021_v5.pdf

Please remember to encourage the students to exercise, sleep, talk to the people that support them and to enjoy the Christmas festivities with family and friends.

Kind regards

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