



Our ref: CHU/DWY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 mock examination 'fortnight' commencing 14 June 2021

Your child will be sitting mock exams week commencing 14 June 2021. (See the summary schedule at the base of this letter.)

Weduc

After half term, customised seating timetables will be issued to each student via email. This will be provisioned through our new App Weduc so year 10 students have been sent enrolment details to get the App set up. (Access to Weduc can be via the app on a phone or on a laptop/desktop PC). Please support your child with getting this app set up in readiness to receive their timetable.

Overview

Student attendance to mocks is extremely important as results are used for ongoing assessment of student's progress. As with any examinations, we expect students to have all the correct equipment for their exams. Those students who arrive without the correct equipment will be issued with lunchtime detentions. Listed below is some additional information about the examinations from the core subjects. NB: We currently do not know what is happening with exams 2022 therefore it is important for students to prepare fully for these exams so they can achieve the outcomes they are capable of, as these results may influence the determination of final GCSE grades.

Maths

The mock will consist of two papers, the first of which will be a non-calculator exam, the second a calculator. Students will be examined on all aspects of the course.

In order to give students the very best chance of reaching their full potential we would advise that they begin studying for their mocks as soon as possible. Students have already received revision lists and teachers will provide opportunities as well as materials for revision during lessons. We have uploaded revision tasks for students to work through onto PiXL mathsapp and we would encourage students to work through these at home. In addition, students may find the resources on Corbett Maths and Maths Genie helpful. Both provide video tutorials and exam style questions for students to work through.

The maths faculty operates an open door policy and we would expect students to use their initiative and seek assistance as and when they feel it necessary.

English

The mock exam will test the students on Unseen Poetry (Literature) and Creative Writing (Language). Students have been studying poetry during their lessons and will be tested on how well they have embedded the skills they have been practising. The poems on the test will be 'unseen' - so they will not have seen these poems before. The Creative Writing assessment tests how well students can organise their ideas in the correct form with accurate spelling, punctuation, grammar, and use a wide and varied vocabulary. Students will choose one question from two options in the Creative Writing section. Both the Literature and Language assessments mirror the tasks in the year 11 exams. Students should be accessing the on-line revision guides produced by the faculty or asking their teacher for hard copies of practice questions. We expect students to be using their initiative and revising in the run up to these mock exams. As always, students can request extra support from their teachers. A video has been made to take students through what is required of them for this mock; it has been shown in lessons, available through the Google classroom, and on the campus website.

Combined Science and Separate Science

The mock exams will consist of 3 separate papers (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) Combined Science papers are 1hr 15mins and Separate Science papers are 1hr 45mins, a calculator will be required for all science exams. The topics covered include the following:

Working scientifically - applies to all 3 sciences

Biology - B1. Cell biology, B2. Organisation, B3. Infection and response, B4 Bioenergetics

Chemistry - C1. Atomic structure and the periodic table, C2. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter, C6 Rate and extent of chemical change, C7 Organic chemistry, C8 Chemical analysis, C9 Chemistry of the atmosphere, C10 Using resources

Physics - P1. Energy, P2. Electricity, P3. Particle model of matter, P4. Atomic structure

GCSE Business

The mock examination will consist of one paper which is produced by the EdExcel exam board. The paper will assess the students on theme 1 of the Edexcel course syllabus. This includes the following topics: **Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship, Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity, Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice, Topic 1.4 Making the business effective and Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business.** 10% of the paper will assess the students on their quantitative skills.

Students will need access to a calculator, pen, pencil and ruler in the mock examination.

The time allowance for the paper is **1 hr 30 minutes** and consists of **90 marks** (approx. a minute per mark). **Section A (35 marks)** includes short answer questions, multiple choice questions, calculation questions, six x three marker 'explain' questions and one six marker 'discuss' question to show understanding and analysis. **Section B (30 marks)** will have a set case study with linked questions with a mixture of short, calculation and extended response questions, including two 'analyse' six markers and one 'justify' nine marker question to show contextual analysis and evaluation. **Section C (25 marks)** will have a set case study with linked questions with a mixture of short, calculation and extended response questions, including one 'justify' nine marker and the final question on the paper which will be an 'evaluate' 12 marker in which students need to show understanding, contextual analysis and evaluation.

It is strongly advised that students purchase a revision guide and exam question workbook, if they have not yet done so. These are available at a reduced price via the School Shop through Parent Pay. A link to other useful resources from Pearson (EdExcel), is shown below:

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GCSE PE

Students will sit two mock exam papers during their theory lessons across the two weeks. Paper 1 will be sat in the first week with Paper 2 following in the second week.

GCSE MFL

Students will sit 3 mock papers in languages. The writing paper will take place in their relevant option block on the exam timetable. The other papers will take place in lesson time during the mock exam window and the relevant teachers will let their classes know when these will be.

We have removed the formal speaking mock from the exam session but some teachers may conduct small speaking assessments in lesson time.

It is strongly advised that all students should purchase a revision guide if they haven't already done so (available from the college shop). Additional resources are available in the GCSE Science revision area on the google drive. The results of the mock exams will be used to assess if students need to be moved sets to ensure they are in the best environment for their continued progression, so it is important that students take these mock exams seriously.

On the campus website <https://brookvalegroby.com/subject-specific-presentations/> there is information on how to revise, our big revision guide and examples of revision timetables all of which your child may find useful in preparing for this week.

BTEC Health and Social Care

Students will not sit a mock in Health and Social Care. Instead students will complete the write up of their Component 1 internal assessment (worth 30% of the final grade). Students will find the grade of this assessment on their results slip.

BTEC Digital Information Technology (ICT)

Students will not sit a mock in ICT. Instead students will complete the write up of their Component 1 - Learning Aim C internal assessment (worth 30% of the final grade).

Cambridge National in Sport Studies

There will be no mock exam in Sport Studies as they sat an external exam in January. They will have the opportunity to resit the exam next January and will have a mock exam shortly beforehand.

Computer Science

For computer science students, the mock paper will consist of two sections and will be for two hours. Section A will be content from Paper 1, and section B will be content from Paper 2. This is unlike the usual format for computer science where the papers would be sat separately, however this is so that students are able to answer questions on both papers within the double lesson.

Art and Graphics

Students will be working on their coursework and so will not be sitting mock exams.

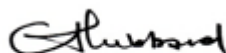
Hospitality

Students will be sitting an exam next week and so will not be sitting one during the mock window.

Mocks for option subjects will take place when the student usually has a double lesson.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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Year 10 mock examinations (14 June – 25 June 2021)

Teaching Wk 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Monday 14 June 2021	Science Biology Combined - 1 hour 15 mins Triple 1 hour 45mins				
Tuesday 15 June 2021			English Literature (unseen poetry) 50 minutes Language (creative writing) 50 minutes		
Wednesday 16 June 2021			Option 10D		
Thursday 17 June 2021			Option 10C		
Friday 18 June 2021			Maths Non Calculator 1 hour 30 mins		

Teaching Wk 1	Period 1	Period 2			
Monday 21 June 2021	Science Chemistry Combined - 1 hour 15 mins Triple 1 hour 45mins				
Tuesday 22 June 2021			Maths Calculator 1 hour 30 mins		
Wednesday 23 June 2021			Option 10B		
Thursday 24 June 2021			Option 10A		
Friday 25 June 2021	Science Physics Combined - 1 hour 15 mins Triple 1 hour 45mins				

