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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11 Mock Exams

As we approach the first set of mock exams for Year 11, I thought it prudent to share some key messages that students have received and to signpost the resources that you should be familiar with at home. A number of key points within this letter will direct you towards the Parent Padlet previously shared. Below is a reminder of this link which I strongly recommend saving/bookmarking and checking regularly as there is constantly new resources being uploaded to this:

<https://padlet.com/JEBHayesSchool/year-11-gcse-support-75xxvdqe52oq596s>

Mock Exams – w/c November 18th and November 25th 2024

In November, we host our formal mock exam period. The timetable for the November mock exams is attached and will also be available on the Parent Padlet page previously shared. Students will also have this sent via Satchel One.

Exam discipline

It cannot be understated how important it is to follow protocol for examinations and that is why we practice it during the mock period. Infringement of some of these rules, within a real exam could result in disqualification from that exam and possibly the entire course.

Exam Expectations 2024/25

- No mobile phones or watches in the exam room.
- No notes or revision on your person
- Only water in clear bottles without labels are allowed in the exam room.
- Silence as soon as you enter the exam room, until you have left the room.
- Face forward, do not turn around or communicate with other students.
- No writing on hands.
- Please bring all the correct equipment in a clear pencil case.
- Do not bring stationery products with writing on, such as Tippex.
- No toilet breaks for first and last 15 minutes of exams. Unless medical or emergency.
- Any queries raise your hand, and an invigilator will come to you.
- Be considerate to others, try to make as little noise as you can when leaving the exam room
- Students must wear full and correct school uniform to all examinations



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Students are asked to arrive before the exam, so that they have time to sort their resources and deposit prohibited items in lockers. Students will always receive a full exam briefing as they would for their GCSEs.

How can my child create a Revision Plan?

Mr Hazlehurst shared a fantastic set of resources which aimed to help students develop their independent study plan for the year ahead. There is an Excel based template that worked well last year, plus an instructional video. This can be found on every student's Satchel One 'To Do list' and is best viewed in 'calendar view'. The assignment was posted on 4th October 2024 and the details are shared on the Parent Padlet.

What should your child revise?

All students and parents should be regularly checking Satchel One. On their 'To Do List', they will see clear topic lists and helpful resources. These are best viewed in 'calendar' view and your child may need to look ahead a few weeks to find the resources set by teachers.

Personal Learning Checklists

These are available on the Parent Padlet to access these and students should have copies of these in their books. PLCs form a brilliant starting point for revision

Subject Support Timetable

A full timetable of these will be shared with students in due course and also made available on the Padlet page. Where students have specific questions, please do encourage them to ask their subject teacher.

Re-learning the knowledge

Students are often very good at diagnosing what they don't know and then find tests to measure their understanding. However, where do you find the knowledge, when you wish to re-learn it? We will be reminding them of the following, continuously:

- Make sure they attend every lesson, every day. Lessons will often link back to previous content, which strengthens understanding. They will also cover exam preparation during lessons.
- Revision guides – highlighted by subject teachers, certain CGP guides, or internally produced booklets and resources are often distributed, or recommended by your child's teachers.
- Online platforms
 - GCSEPod – covers the knowledge and offers testing for almost every subject. Students have a Hayes account.
 - Online platforms like Seneca, Educake and SPARX, offer both the ability to address knowledge gaps and testing their grasp of knowledge. Hayes students have free access to Educake (Science) and SPARX (Maths).
- Their exercise books. Over time, their exercise books should become incredible resources that not only capture the knowledge, but also show previous feedback and how they could improve their exam technique.



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Careers Week and Next steps

Last week, Year 11 students were able to access Unifrog and UCAS and they were asked to consider their subject choices. This is relevant regardless of whether their next step be at Hayes Sixth form, or college.

As a reminder, we have our 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday 21st November 2024.

Finally, we also understand that any form of examination can be an anxious time for students and whilst all this support is designed to help students manage the 'real thing' in summer 2025, there will be times when they need support in managing their anxiety. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor if you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully

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