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11 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached your child's mock exam timetable. The main exam period runs from Monday, 16 December until Tuesday, 14 January, but there are modern foreign language exams at the end of November. Your child will be given an individual time slot for the speaking exams by their French/Spanish teacher.

Morning exams will start at 9.00 am and afternoon exams will start at 1.40 pm (1.50 pm on a Thursday). All students should arrive at the exam hall 15 minutes before the start of the exam. Although, this is a mock process, it is important that students arrive in plenty of time for their exams as it is good practice for May/June.

The mock exams are an important part of Year 11. Students who do well in the mocks give themselves an excellent springboard for success in their actual GCSE exams in the summer term. We recommend that your child produces a revision timetable for both pre- and post-Christmas and that they stick to it wherever possible.

If your child needs help with how to revise, there are some useful materials in their school planners. Mrs Chapman will also be talking about revision techniques to Year 11 in assembly on Monday, 18 November; students will be discussing revision methods during tutor time over the coming weeks.

In addition to the online resources and revision guides your child uses on a regular basis, we would also like to draw your attention to the wealth of resources that can be found on the school website under the "[For Pupils and Parents](#)" tab.

Although these exams are important, it is also important that your child does not get overly stressed and knows how to deal with the symptoms should they arise. On our website under "[Mental Health](#)", there is some information about how to manage your stress during exams.

A full list of teacher names and emails can also be found on our website under the "[Staff](#)" tab. Please remember that queries can also be addressed to Mr Pinkney as Head of Year. His email address is [pinkneyj@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:pinkneyj@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

May I take this opportunity to wish your child the best of luck with their forthcoming mock exams.

Yours sincerely



**Francis Galbraith**  
**Principal**

Date	AM exam – 9am start	PM exam – 1.40pm start (Thursday 1.50pm)
Monday, 25 November – Wednesday, 27 November	French speaking mock exams	Date and time slots will be provided by the French department
Thursday, 28 November	Spanish speaking mock exams	Time slots will be provided by Miss Castagnaro
Monday, 16 December	English Literature Paper 2 <i>2hr 15mins</i>	French Writing <i>1hr / 1hr 15mins</i> Spanish Writing <i>1hr / 1hr 15mins</i> Astronomy Paper 1 <i>1hr 45mins</i>
Tuesday, 17 December	History Paper 1 <i>2hr</i> Geography Paper 2 <i>1hr 30mins</i>	English Language Paper 1 <i>1hr 45mins</i>
Wednesday, 18 December	Biology <i>1hr 10mins / 1hr 45mins</i>	Maths Paper 1 <i>1hr 30mins</i>
Thursday, 19 December	<b>Options block B:</b> DT <i>2hr</i> Religious Studies Paper 1 <i>1hr 45mins</i> Psychology Paper 1 <i>1hr 45mins</i> Drama <i>1hr 45mins</i> Computer Science Paper 1 <i>1hr 30mins</i> PE Paper 1 <i>1hr</i>	English Language Paper 2 <i>1hr 45mins</i>
Friday, 20 December	<b>Options block A:</b> DT <i>2hr</i> Religious Studies Paper 1 <i>1hr 45mins</i> Psychology Paper 1 <i>1hr 45mins</i> Computer Science Paper 1 <i>1hr 30mins</i> PE Paper 1 <i>1hr</i>	NO MOCK EXAMS
Tuesday, 7 January	History Paper 2 <i>2hrs</i> Geography Paper 1 <i>1hr</i>	Spanish Reading & Listening Astronomy Paper 2 <i>1hr 45mins</i>
Wednesday, 8 January	French Reading & Listening	Maths Paper 2 <i>1hr 30mins</i>
Thursday, 9 January	<b>Options block B:</b> Religious Studies Paper 2 <i>1hr 45mins</i> Computer Science Paper 2 <i>1hr 30mins</i> Music <i>1hr 30mins</i> (in EXS) PE Paper 2 <i>1hr</i> Psychology Paper 2 <i>55mins</i>	Chemistry <i>1hr 10mins / 1hr 45mins</i>
Friday, 10 January	<b>Options block A:</b> Religious Studies Paper 2 <i>1hr 45mins</i> Computer Science Paper 2 <i>1hr 30mins</i> Dance <i>1hr 30mins</i> PE Paper 2 <i>1hr</i> Psychology Paper 2 <i>55mins</i>	English Literature Paper 1 <i>1hr 45mins</i>
Monday, 13 January	Physics <i>1hr 10mins / 1hr 45mins</i>	Geography Paper 3 <i>45mins</i>
Tuesday, 14 January	Maths Paper 3 <i>1hr 30mins</i>	NO MOCK EXAMS

- Please note that some students will have access arrangements (extra time, word processors, etc) in place for these exams. Those students are aware of these arrangements and details of these will be communicated to parents.