

Re: Year 11 March Mock Exams

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you further information on the strategies being put in place to support our students for the upcoming Mock examinations in the Sports Hall from 6th to 10th March. There are also several practical tests for Option subjects before and after these weeks. Please note that the Drama and Food practical's are real assessments and will contribute to the final GCSE grade.

At Wixams we are proud with the preparation we put in place every year, where end of year tests are completed in exam conditions in the Sports Hall. Students will be aware of the procedures and processes having practiced these several times. These Mock examinations are no exception, students will receive special arrangements where necessary, and these Mocks will be as real an experience as possible. Please take this opportunity to re-read the JCQ guidance on written exams and NEAs, which you were given in November, and which is on our website or can be found at <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/> .

Enrichment this year is intervention for all subjects and support with study skills. Quality first teaching is always our main focus to ensure that your child reaches their full potential. However, there are some additional strategies we are putting in place, to give students a real experience and more support:

- The Mock timetable is given with this letter.
- Mr. O'Rourke has created a suggested revision timetable and this will be given out to students shortly.

There are several events being planned next half term, where further information will be sent out in separate letters:

- Prep is being used for English, Maths and Science intervention for all students after half term.
- An extra-curricular revision timetable for specialist support at lunchtimes and after-school.
- Half term revision classes available to all.
- A parent/student evening on 23rd February on how to support your child to revise English, Maths and Science
- Targeted workshops for English and Maths in March.

There are other events planned after the Mocks, such as a parent/student revision evening, Easter revision sessions and we will update you closer to the time

We fully expect that GCSE examinations will go ahead in the summer, however in the rare event of teacher assessed grades being needed, we will be using these Mock Exams as part of our evidence. Therefore it is important that your child tries their best and makes the most of the support we are offering.

We wish your child every success in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Jacqueline Hepburn

Assistant Principal