

30th January 2024

Dear Parent and Carer.

The final round of mock examinations prior to the real summer external examinations start straight after half term and last for 2 weeks.

Below is the timetable for these examinations:

Day/Date	Subject	Paper Name	Length
Monday 19th Feb AM	Maths	P1 non-calc	1 hour 30 minutes
Monday 19th Feb PM	Geography	Paper 1	1 hour 30 minutes
Tuesday 20th Feb AM	English	Language Paper 1	1hr45min
Tuesday 20th Feb PM	Engineerng	written exam	1 hour 30 minutes
Wednesday 21st Feb AM	History	Democracy and Dictorship AND Conflict and Tension	2 hours (1 hour each)
Wednesday 21st Feb PM	Science	Chemistry Paper 2 Triple F/Triple H CS F	Triple 1 hr 45 mins (both tiers) CS 1 hr 15 mins
Thursday 22nd Feb AM	English	Literature Paper 2: Modern Drama and Poetry	2.15 hrs
Thursday 22nd Feb PM	Spanish	Writing exam	F - 60' / H - 75'
Friday 23rd Feb AM	Maths	P2 calc	1 hour 30 minutes
Friday 23rd Feb AM	Drama	P3	1hr
Friday 23rd Feb PM	Sport	Components of fitness	1 hour 30 minutes

**drama students will be seen to discuss the running time of this exam before the half term holidays.*

Day/Date	Subject	Paper Name	Length
Monday 26th Feb AM	English	Language Paper 2	1.45 hrs
Monday 26th Feb PM	H&Sc	written exam	1 hour 30 minutes
Tuesday 27th Feb AM	Science	Physics Paper 1 Triple F/Triple H/ CS F	Triple 1 hr 45 mins (both tiers) CS 1 hr 15 mins
Tuesday 27th Feb PM	History	Health and the People	1 hour
Wednsday 28th Feb AM	Food	Enterprise (Business) written exam	1hour 30 minutes 1hr 45min
Wednesday 28th Feb PM	Geography	Paper 2	1 hour 30 minutes
Thursday 29th Feb AM	English	Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and 19th Century Prose	1.30 hrs
Thursday 29th Feb PM	Spanish	Listening + reading	F - 35' + 60' H - 45' + 60'
Friday 1st March AM	Maths	Paper 3 Calc	1 hour 30 minutes
Friday 1st March PM	Creative Imedia (IT)	written exam	1 hour 30 minutes

The times of the day will also change slightly for Year 11 during these mock examinations only. Our intention is to fully support and provide a real exam experience preparing them for final exams which begin in just a couple of months. During these mocks, we are trialling providing students with some study leave to further support their revision at home alongside their wellbeing.

For this to be successful we require students to follow expectations at all times regarding study leave and **be on time each day to school.**

**If we feel students are not using study leave wisely, then we may decide to revoke this opportunity at any time.*

Times of the day for Y11 students during mocks will be:

Students timetable for those with an exam	Student timetable for those without an exam
8.30am-9am - form time/meet and greet/ get to exams	8.30am-9am - form time
9am-11am - AM exam	P1&2 as normal
11am-11.45am Brunch	11-11.20am Break as normal
12noon – 2pm PM exam	P3&4 as normal
Period 5 as normal Dates : 20.2.24 22.2.24 26.2.24 29.2.24 Leave site at 2pm: Dates: 19.2.24 21.2.24 23.2.24 27.2.24 28.2.24 1.3.24	Period 5 as normal Dates : 20.2.24 22.2.24 26.2.24 29.2.24 Leave site at 2pm: Dates: 19.2.24 21.2.24 23.2.24 27.2.24 28.2.24 1.3.24

*If you would prefer your child **to not** have study leave at 2pm on the 6 dates stated above, then please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/TgJgQCZkSt>
 Students will stay at school and do private supervised revision.

All responses need to be received by next **Wednesday 6th February 12 noon** when the form will close for submissions.

Further to this, some staff may contact you directly to request your child stays on site Period 5 for extra support, intervention or coursework completion.

As you know, the real GCSE examination begin very soon, and these mock examinations have been designed to provide students with a chance to sit a range of full papers. As an academy, will be marking and moderating papers and providing GCSE grades via a school report shortly after all the data is collected. This will provide you with a chance to check what progress your child has made since their November mocks.

GCSE grades at 9-1, grade 9 is the highest. Students need to achieve a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths or they will have to resit these examinations after they have left Smith's Wood in their post 16 setting.

GCSE pod is an excellent way to support with revision alongside other programmes our subjects use. If you or your child need any further help with accessing this, then please contact Mrs Hayward: l.hayward@smithswood.fmat.co.uk


BBC bitesize support with revision resources: [Top revision techniques for exams - BBC Bitesize](#)

At this point in the year, it is important that all students are revising regularly. It is imperative revision has started and is now part of their daily routine. It is important students are revising what they do not know rather than what they do know. It is key that gaps in knowledge are filled and they are regularly completing exam style questions. Exam boards have past papers which are easily accessible for your child to complete and practice. If you need help accessing past papers do contact their teachers directly.

After these mock examinations, we will be writing to you again offering further support with revision and intervention sessions which we will be continuing to hold after school each night.

We wish all Year 11 good luck with their upcoming exams.

Sincerely,



Mrs Downing
Vice Principal