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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 11 Mock Examinations**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Attached you will find a copy of the Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable. The mock examinations will be sat in the Sports Hall or, if your child has specific exam dispensation, an agreed alternative venue and will follow strict examination rules and regulations. Students will be required to be in school, in correct uniform, during the mock examination period, sitting their exams during periods 1 and 2, and periods 3 and 4. They will attend normal timetabled lessons during period 6.

Can you please have a look at the timetable with your child and ensure that they are prepared for each examination. The minimum equipment required for each examination is as follows:

- A clear pencil case
- A black ink pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A rubber
- A calculator if the paper/subject requires one

They can bring a bottle of water into the examination, but the wrapper will need to be removed. No other items are allowed into the examination venue. The mock examinations will be run as if they were the student's real GCSE examinations and therefore it is good practice to get into the habit of what is required for the examinations. If you have any questions, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on my direct line number 020 8331 3036.

Steven Fyfe  
Assistant Headteacher (Data & Assessment)

Mock exams can be incredibly beneficial for students: they can help students to start revising early, to practise effective revision strategies, to improve their knowledge, to familiarise themselves with pressure, and act as a guide moving forward. Given the continued uncertainty of this academic year, they are potentially more crucial than ever as they could form a key piece of evidence in the event of teacher assessment replacing examinations. Our Year 11 support and guidance page (<https://www.thomastallischool.com/year-11-support--guidance.html>) includes links to the various subject support pages, the after school intervention timetable, holiday sessions when they are on offer, links to GCSEPod, PiXL Apps and to software to create a revision timetable. Students should designate several hours each evening and longer each day at weekends to revise. The revision guide on the guidance page also advises parents and students on the revision strategies students should be using to maximise the use of their time. Please do contact subject teachers, form tutors, Ms Pollitt or myself at the school if you need any advice or guidance.

Jon Curtis-Brignell  
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