



Bluecoat Wollaton
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13th October 2023

Year 11 | November GCSE Mock Exam Arrangements

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide important information regarding your child's forthcoming mock examination period. The **mock exam period will last from Monday 20th November until Friday 1st December**. Throughout this time, lessons will continue as normal when students do not have exams. All period 3 lessons will continue uninterrupted, however period 6 lessons will be cancelled during the mock exams. Full attendance and punctuality continues to be crucial and expected. Staff will use this time to cover anticipated content for the exams. This will ensure students have as much teacher input and support as possible as they revise and prepare. A timetable of all exams can be found on the school website, along with lots of additional information: www.bluecoatwollaton.co.uk/parents/exam-information.

It is crucial that students arrive at the Academy fully prepared for their exams each day. Students must come fully equipped with: black biro pens, pencil, clear ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, calculator (where permitted), clear pencil case, compass, protractor (when appropriate). Besides these items, students must also ensure that they do not enter the exam room with a mobile phone, watch, paper or any other items in their pockets. Water bottles may be taken in to the exam room but must be clear and without any labels or print.

In order to reflect the timings of GCSE exams, the timings of the school day will change slightly, **effective from Monday 20th November**.

Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
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We ask that students arrive at the Academy by 8am. They need to report to the Dining Room, where they can have breakfast and prepare. Most morning exams will begin at 9am, however English Literature (Wednesday 21st June) will begin earlier to accommodate an extended length. Afternoon exams begin at 1pm. Should an exam end after 3pm (or 2pm on Thursday) due to a delayed start or additional time, students must make their own arrangements for travelling home. Should an exam be missed through ill health, this will then be completed at the earliest available opportunity. Students should anticipate that these will take place immediately on their return.

It is essential that students familiarise themselves with examination guidance, which can be found on the school website. Please remind your child that all smart and mobile technology, as well as **all** watches must not be taken into the exam room. Along with mobile phones, watches must either be left at home, or left in bags or lockers at students' own risk.



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Preparation for all examinations is crucially important. A variety of revision sessions are being made available to students to access throughout the October half-term holidays, and information about which sessions are taking place and how to book a place on them is being shared separately.

Strategies and advice for effective revision can also be found on the '**Revision**' page under the '**Learning**' menu of the school website: www.bluecoatwollaton.co.uk/learning/revision. Students are encouraged to utilise the variety of resources that they have been provided with, such as their Knowledge Organisers, as well as subject-specific online resources such as Sparx Maths, Educake, and Seneca Learning. Specific resources for each subject can be found here: www.bluecoatwollaton.co.uk/learning/revision/subject-revision-resources.

If you would like to seek support from a member of staff during the examination period, either for revision purposes or for pastoral care, please feel free to contact office@bluecoatwollaton.co.uk to direct your request to the appropriate member of staff. For any queries specifically about exams, please email exams@bluecoatwollaton.co.uk.

We look forward to a productive and purposeful exam period which allows every student to demonstrate all that they have learned so far at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, and as ever, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr A Codd', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Mr A Codd
Assistant Principal



	Monday 20 th November	Tuesday 21 st November	Wednesday 22 nd November	Thursday 23 rd November	Friday 24 th November
P1	Religious Studies (1 hour 45 minutes)	Triple Biology (1 hour 45 minutes) Combined Biology (1 hour 15 minutes)	Health & Social Care (2 hours)	Mathematics Non-Calculator (1 hour 30 minutes)	Geography (1hr 30min)
P2					
Break					
P3	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal
Lunch					
P4	English Language (1 hour 45 minutes)	Computer Science – Paper 1 (1 hour 30 minutes)	Sociology – Component 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)	Triple Chemistry (1 hour 45 minutes) Combined Chemistry (1 hour 15 minutes)	Spanish Listening F/H (35 / 45 minutes) Spanish Reading F/H (45 minutes / 1 hour)
P5					
P6	Period 6 cancelled	Period 6 cancelled			

	Monday 27 th November	Tuesday 28 th November	Wednesday 29 th November	Thursday 30 th November	Friday 1 st December
P1	English Literature (1 hour 45 minutes)	Mathematics Calculator (1 hour 30 minutes)	Food Prep & Nutrition (1 hour 45 minutes) Drama (1 hour 45 minutes) D & T (2 hours)	Computer Science – Paper 2 (1 hour 30 minutes)	Further Maths Non-Calculator (1 hour 45 minutes)
P2					
Break					
P3	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal	Period 3 as normal
Lunch					
P4	Triple Physics (1 hour 45 minutes) Combined Physics (1 hour 15 minutes)	History (2 hours)	Sociology – Component 2 (1 hour)	Spanish Writing F/H (50 / 60 minutes)	Mop-Ups
P5					
P6	Period 6 cancelled	Period 6 cancelled			

- During the mock exam period, the structure of the day for will revert to 2 lessons before break, 1 lesson between break and lunch, followed by 2 lessons in the afternoon. Period 6 lessons during this period will not take place. When students do not have an exam, they should attend their usual timetabled lesson.
- Mop-ups of missed exams will take place at the earliest available opportunity, and students should prepare accordingly.
- Art Exam to take place all day on Tuesday 5th December.