



Bluecoat Wollaton
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9th November 2023

Year 11 | November GCSE Mock Exam Arrangements

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are about to commence the mock exam period, I am writing to update you with some adjustments to the mock exam timetable, as well as provide a reminder of important information, to ensure that students and families are fully aware of the arrangements. The **mock exam period will last from Monday 20th November until Friday 1st December**. Throughout this time, most lessons will continue as normal when students do not have exams, including period 3 lessons, 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 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, and protractor (when appropriate). 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. These must be left at home, in bags, or in lockers at students' own risk. 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 between **Monday 20th November and Friday 1st December**, with students having lunch between 12.20-1pm, and period 4 or afternoon exams beginning at 1pm. 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 longer exams may begin earlier to accommodate an extended length. Afternoon exams are scheduled to begin at 1pm. When exams finish after 2.45pm, students will be dismissed from the school site at this time. Should an exam end after 3pm 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 be completed at the **earliest available opportunity** following their return.

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. Specific resources for each subject can also be found here. 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. 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.

Finally, following the success of the Mock Results morning prior to summer break, **we would like to invite all students, parents and carers to a Year 11 Mock Results Day during the inset day on Monday 8th January**. Students will receive their mock results in the Gym during the afternoon, replicating the final Results Day in August. Further details about arrangements for this event will follow separately.

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,

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