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Dear Parent,

### **YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS AND SIXTH FORM OPTIONS EVENING**

The Year 11 Mock Examinations will take place between Monday 7 and Friday 11 December. These examinations are an important stage in preparing your son for his final examinations and he must prepare himself thoroughly. The results will provide pupils, teachers and their families, with essential information about strengths and areas for development so that they can be addressed over the coming months. Full attendance is expected across the period of Mock Examinations. There will be no study leave and pupils should attend School as normal from 8.45am and register in Form Rooms with their Tutor. When pupils are not in examinations they will be in normal lessons.

Pupils should be starting to revise their work independently and will also be preparing in class with their teachers. I have attached the timetable for the examination period and instructions to candidates published by JCQ the exams regulator. Some pupils struggle to grasp the importance of the Mock Examinations and past experience has shown that pupils who underperform in the Mock Examinations frequently receive disappointing results in the final GCSEs. Success will only be achieved if there has been a gradual and sustained approach to learning material. There are many distractions for pupils but genuine parental interest and support and a thorough revision plan will undoubtedly pay dividends and I would ask that you ensure your son uses his time wisely.

We shall run the examinations as though they are the actual GCSEs. The pupils will be made aware of how they should conduct themselves in an assembly on Friday 4 December. Any pupil who fails to behave in the correct manner will be dealt with as follows:

- His script will be removed and destroyed
- He will be required to repeat the examination in an after-school detention, lasting the full time of the examination
- Parents will be informed and made aware that any subsequent failure to follow the required system will result in an exclusion

I'm sure you appreciate it is important that we run these examinations in the correct manner in order to give everyone the opportunity for success.

Results will be published to parents during the week beginning 11 January and your son should be aware that the Mock Examinations will be an important measure when advising pupils of post-16 options. Predictions made to Examining Boards in February will also be based upon the evidence of these examinations.

There will be a series of events that will help prepare and guide your son in making the right post-16 choices. **There will be a Year 11 Options Evening on Thursday 19 November between 6.30pm and 8.30pm where we will issue the Sixth Form prospectus.** Please regard attendance at this evening as essential for your son's future success. I hope that it will put pupils in a position in which they will be able to make informed judgements of their own. The evening is intended to be of benefit to all members of Year 11 including those pupils who may be considering opportunities apart from the Sixth Form at King's. Please be aware that the evening starts at 5.30pm for those students who attend other local schools. King's students and parents should arrive for 6.30pm. Due to limited space in the School Hall, we ask that only one parent attends with their son.

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During the week beginning Monday 30 November 2015 every Year 11 pupil will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff to discuss career aspirations and post-16 options. We shall expect that he will bring a completed Sixth Form application form with him to this meeting or information relating to external courses. The prospectus will have been distributed on 19 November and I hope this will allow plenty of time for discussion at home.


Once pupils have a provisional programme of study we shall pass the information to Subject Leaders to ask for their opinion on course viability. We shall organise an additional interview for any pupil who is deemed to be unsuitable for a subject. We must ensure that every pupil who intends on returning to the Sixth Form has a viable programme of study.

Pupils who wish to return to Sixth Form must reach the challenging entry expectations of 6 Bs at GCSE and at least a C grade in Maths and English. It would also be desirable for a student to have an A in each subject they intend to study at A Level. We shall also look closely at the contribution each pupil has made to the school, and consider each pupil's behaviour record. Pupils must appreciate that the landscape is changing in the post-16 sector and they will undoubtedly have to be more competitive and industrious if they wish to gain places in highly competitive Sixth Forms. Increasingly too, Year 11 pupils are competing with external applicants who wish to take advantage of the benefits afforded by a Grammar School education. No pupil must automatically assume they have an automatic right to transfer into the Sixth Form

The Year 11 Parents Evening on Monday 29 February will offer an opportunity for you to come into school to discuss your son's progress. We expect pupils to sit alongside their parents and hear directly what needs to be done over the remaining few months.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish your son my best wishes in his Mock Examinations. If there are any questions relating to this letter that you would like to discuss in more detail please don't hesitate to contact me or Mr Collins (Head of Year 11).

Yours sincerely



J A Dixon  
Deputy Headmaster

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**Return to: Form Tutor by Friday 13 November 2015**

#### **YEAR ELEVEN MOCK EXAMINATIONS AND SIXTH FORM OPTIONS EVENING**

Pupil's Name: ..... Form: .....

- I confirm that I have received the letter on issues relating to Mock Examinations and Opportunities beyond GCSE [      ]
- I expect to attend the Year 11 Options Evening on the 19 November with my son [      ]

Parent's Signature: ..... Date: .....



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## Information for candidates

### For written examinations – effective from 1 September 2015

This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions.  
If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.

<b>A</b>	<b>Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules</b>
1	Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3	If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4	<p>You <b>must not</b> take into the exam room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notes;</li> <li>• potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, an iWatch, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player or a wrist watch which has a data storage device.</li> </ul> <p><b>Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through.</b></p> <p><b>Remember:</b> possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.</p>
5	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
6	Do not talk to or try to communicate with, or disturb other candidates once the exam has started.
7	You <b>must not</b> write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
8	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
9	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.
<b>B</b>	<b>Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need</b>
1	Know the dates and times of all your exams.
2	Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
3	If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
4	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
5	Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other equipment which you need for the exam.
6	<p>You <b>must</b> write in black ink.</p> <p>Coloured pencils or inks may only be used for diagrams, maps, charts, etc. unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.</p>
<b>C</b>	<b>Calculators, Dictionaries and Computer Spell-checkers</b>
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	<p>If you use a calculator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;</li> <li>• clear anything stored in it;</li> <li>• remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas;</li> <li>• do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.</li> </ul>
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
<b>D</b>	<b>Instructions during the exam</b>
1	Always listen to the invigilator. Follow their instructions at all times.
2	<p>Tell the invigilator at once if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper;</li> <li>• the question paper is incomplete or badly printed.</li> </ul>
3	Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
4	Fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet <b>before</b> you start the exam. Make sure you fill these details in on any additional answer sheets that you use.
5	Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
6	Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
<b>E</b>	<b>Advice and assistance</b>
1	If on the day of the exam you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
2	<p>Put up your hand during the exam if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you have a problem and are in doubt about what you should do;</li> <li>• you do not feel well;</li> <li>• you need more paper.</li> </ul>
3	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
<b>F</b>	<b>At the end of the exam</b>
1	<p>If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any loose sheets of paper, place them in the correct order. Remember to fasten them together with a treasury tag before you leave. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.</p>
2	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
3	Do not take from the exam room any stationery. This includes the question paper, answer booklets used or unused, rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.

## Yr11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE 2015

Date	Start	Len	Finish	Board	Component Code	Component Title	Level	Venue
Mon 07 Dec	09:00	01:30	10:30	DOM	J567/03	Maths Paper 3 (Non Calc)	GCSE/B	Gym
Mon 07 Dec	11:30	01:00	12:30	DOM	BL1HP	Biology Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Mon 07 Dec	13:30	02:00	15:30	DOM	90301H	GCSE Geography Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Tue 08 Dec	09:00	2:15	11:15	DOM	ENG1H	English Language Paper 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Tue 08 Dec	13:30	0:45	14:15	DOM	A704	French Reading	GCSE/B	Gym
Tue 08 Dec	14:45	0:45	15:30	DOM	A701H	French Listening	GCSE/B	Gym
Wed 9 Dec	09:00	01:00	10:00	DOM	CH2HP	Chemistry Written Paper	GCSE/B	Gym
Wed 9 Dec	11:00	01:30	12:30	DOM	5MU01	GCSE Music Paper 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Wed 9 Dec	13:30	01:45	15:15	DOM	91452	History Paper 2	GCSE/B	Gym
Thu 10 Dec	09:00	01:30	10:30	DOM	J567/04	Maths Paper 4 (Calculator)	GCSE/B	Gym
Thu 10 Dec	11:30	01:00	12:30	DOM	PH1HP	GCSE Physics Paper 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Thu 10 Dec	13:30	01:30	15:00	DOM	5RM01	Resistant Materials Unit 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Thu 10 Dec	13:30	02:00	15:30	DOM	PROD1	D&T Graphic Design Paper 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Fri 11 Dec	9:00	01:15	10:15	DOM	97151H	English Literature Written Paper 1	GCSE/FC	Gym
Fri 11 Dec	11:00	01:30	12:30	DOM	A292	Busines Studies Written Paper 1	GCSE/FC	Gym
Fri 11 Dec	13:30	01:30	15:00	DOM	48901	PE Paper 1	GCSE/B	Gym
Mon 14 Dec	09:00	6:30	15:30	DOM	5FA01	GCSE Fine Art	GCSE/B	Art Rm
Tue 15 Dec	09:00	6:30	15:30	DOM	5FA01	GCSE Fine Art	GCSE/B	Art Rm