



18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

### **Year 11 Mock Examinations - Monday 20th February to Friday 10th March 2023**

I am pleased to be able to share with you the final details of the mock exams that your child will complete during the March mock exam period. These mock exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their GCSE summer examinations which begin in two months' time. At Heron Hall Academy we want to ensure that your child is fully prepared for the summer examinations and we hope that you will fully support us in delivering a successful mock examination period.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at Heron Hall Academy. They will also enable students to practise their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision on. These examinations will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2023 exam period. You can find the mock exam timetable attached which shows all examinations which will take place during the mock period.

### **Attendance**

Throughout the academic year we promote the importance of attendance to all of our students. During this mock examination period it is critical that Year 11 students attend school on time each day. Preparation and understanding of key concepts will benefit your child in succeeding in the summer examinations and will promote success in their future endeavours.

### **Revision Master Classes**

Before every morning exam there will be a revision breakfast session starting at 8:10am. The revision breakfast is a fantastic opportunity for students to complete final preparations for each exam, including receiving a free bagel or toast. This is an important part of preparing for each exam - just as we will do in the summer GCSE exams - and we hope that every student takes up this opportunity, and benefits from the routine.

### **Morning exams**

Students with a morning exam should arrive at school shortly before 8:15am and join their teachers in the canteen. After breakfast is served in the canteen, students will be directed to the sports hall for the examination. Examinations will commence promptly at 9:00am.

### **Afternoon exams**

To accommodate the afternoon exams, Year 11 will have their normal lunch between 12.35pm – 1.20pm. Students who have an afternoon exam will line up at 1.20pm and be seated in the hall for a 1.30pm start. Students who do not have an afternoon exam will go to normal timetabled lessons.

### **Expectations**

Previous mock exams have followed the expectations of the academy and of the national exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry any device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle and/or pencil case
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area.

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade. It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via [raskoolum@northstartrust.org.uk](mailto:raskoolum@northstartrust.org.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Head



Year 11 Mock 2 2023 Examinations						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		20 February 2023	21 February 2023	22 February 2023	23 February 2023	24 February 2023
Exams	AM 8.40	RE P1	English Lang	Maths P1	English Lit	Geography P1 History P1
	PM 1PM	Biology	Citizenship P1	Food Music	Business Studies P1	Sociology P1
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		27 February 2023	28 February 2023	01 March 2023	02 March 2023	03 March 2023
Exams	AM 8.40	Re P2	History P2 Geography P2	Physics	Spanish / French	Business Studies P2
	AM 11.30	French Listening				Spanish Listening
	PM 1PM	Computer Sc P1	Chemistry	Drama	Maths P2	Computer Sc P2
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		06 March 2023	07 March 2023	08 March 2023	09 March 2023	10 March 2023
Exams	AM 8.40	Maths P3	Geography P3	Citizenship P2	Drama Assessment	PE Practical Assessment
	PM 1PM	Resistant Materials PE GCSE P1	Sociology P2	Sports St Coursework PE GCSE P2		
<u>Exam Equipment</u>  Black pens Pencils (for drawings only) Rubber Ruler Maths Equipment Scientific Calculator Clear Pencil Case			<b>Examination Protocols</b> <b>Not allowed in the exam hall/rooms:</b>  Smart watch All Phones (incl non smart phones) Water bottles with labels MP3/Pods etc Correction fluid Notes Calculator cases		<b>Absence-</b> You will not be graded. This will affect the target and predicted grade  No communication in the examination block <b>Remember:</b> possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it.	