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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 8 and Friday 12 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. 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 5 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 12 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 20 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.

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During the week beginning Monday 1 December 2014 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 20 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 2 March 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. A 'Revision Cracked!' booklet has also been included with this letter to provide ideas about how to revise and make the most of time. 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 Hinchcliffe (Head of Year 11).

Yours sincerely



J A Dixon  
Deputy Headteacher

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**Return to: Form Tutor by Wednesday 22 October 2014**

**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 20 November with my son [     ]

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

### FINAL YR11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE 8-16 DEC 14

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Code	Component Title	Level	Cands
Mon 08 Dec	09:00	01:30	DOM	J567/03	Maths Paper 3 (Non Calc)	GCSE/B	151
Mon 08 Dec	11:00	01:30	DOM	B001	Business Studies	GCSE/B	80
Mon 08 Dec	13:30	02:00	DOM	90301H	Geography Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	113
Tue 09 Dec	09:00	01:15	DOM	ELit1	English Literature Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	151
Tue 09 Dec	11:00	01:30	DOM	DRAM1	Drama Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	11
Tue 09 Dec	11:00	01:00	DOM	ICT001	ICT Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	20
Tue 09 Dec	13:30	01:00	DOM	PH1HP	Physics Paper 1	GCSE/B	151
Wed 10 Dec	09:00	01:00	DOM	CHEM1	Chemistry Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	151
Wed 10 Dec	10:30	01:30	DOM	A701H	French Listening	GCSE/B	75
Wed 10 Dec	13:30	01:45	DOM	91452	History Paper 2	GCSE/B	64
Thu 11 Dec	09:00	01:30	DOM	5RM01	Resistant Materials Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	23
Thu 11 Dec	09:00	02:00	DOM	PROD1	D&T Graphic Design Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	13
Thu 11 Dec	11:15	01:00	DOM	BL1HP	Biology Written Paper 1	GCSE/B	151
Thu 11 Dec	13:30	01:20	DOM	A704	French Writing	GCSE/B	75
Fri 12 Dec	09:00	01:30	DOM	J567/04	Maths Paper 4 (Calculator)	GCSE/B	151
Fri 12 Dec	11:00	01:30	DOM	48901	PE Paper 1	GCSE/B	48
Fri 12 Dec	13:30	01:30	DOM	5MU01	Music Paper 1	GCSE/B	28
Mon 15 Dec	09:00	All Day	DOM	5FA01	Fine Art (Over Two Days)	GCSE/B	13
Tue 16 Dec	09:00	All Day	DOM	5FA01	Fine Art (Over Two Days)	GCSE/B	13