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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations – November 2026

I am writing to you in advance of our forthcoming mock examinations for our Year 11 students. These examinations will take place over from Monday 16th November to Thursday 26th November 2026. This will be a very important opportunity for our Year 11 students to sit exams in a formal environment and is a good rehearsal for their final GCSE exams this summer.

The mock exams will enable students to practise their revision techniques, and to better understand how to work effectively in timed exam conditions. They will also 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 2027 exam period.

Mock exam timetable

You can find the mock exam timetable linked here and on the school website under 'Exam Information'.

Revision

During the mock exam period, students will have revision lessons led by their subject teachers, or if they have finished the exams in that subject, they will be expected to revise for another subject in silence. They will need to come prepared with their Chromebooks and the resources they need.

Students will also have all the revision resources they need in each subject uploaded to their Google classroom, along with clear expectations as to how these resources should be used. Where practicable, students will also be given printed copies of any resources. Year 11 tutor groups have already been focusing on revision techniques, but as the year progresses, there will be much more emphasis on how to make the most of time spent revising in Student Development Time, in assemblies and each individual subject's lessons. Listed below are some resources which will be used to help students revise productively. They are accessible and should provide some guidance in the run-up to these November mock exams.

There is also a revision section on the **school website** which has a lot of general revision guidance and which also lists all the content and revision resources for each subject, specifically for the November mocks. To find it, please click on the **CURRICULUM** tab and the **KS4 REVISION**.

- Cornell Notes
- Flash Cards
- Knowledge Organisers
- Mind Maps
- Post-it Notes
- Looking after yourself during GCSE revision

Preparation

As well as revision it is important that students:

- Have enough sleep the night before their exams
- Arrive for the examination at least 15 minutes before the start of the exam
- Are hydrated and have a good breakfast before coming to school. This will help with their concentration.

Attendance

Throughout the academic year we promote the importance of attendance to all of our students.
During the mock examination period it is critical that Year 11 students attend school on time each day.
In the event that your child is unable to attend school on an exam day, please make school aware of the absence through the school Absence Line (01865 855378) or email: attendance@gosfordhillschool.org.

Expectations

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal examination regulations laid down by JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) who oversee all public examinations, and how GCSE exams will run at Gosford Hill School. They will follow the expectations 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 an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area.

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ. 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. After half term you will receive further details about the exact timings of the school day during the exam period and all the organisational information which is important for the smooth running of exams.

Thank you for your support. It is important that students experience the full formal exam conditions during these mock examinations, in order to develop their confidence and resilience so that they are fully prepared for their final exams in Summer 2027. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. They will also have a second set of mock exams and these will take place from Monday 1st March - Friday 12th March.

Best wishes,



Mrs H Gillingham
Assistant Headteacher (Quality of Education)