



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to prepare scholars for their GCSEs they will be sitting a number of mock examinations. We firmly believe that mock examinations are an essential stage in scholars GCSE preparation. Not only do they give your child a good idea of what to expect when they sit the real paper in Summer, but the results serve as predictors of their final grades. The autumn mock examinations will take place from **19th October to 13th November 2020**.

As you are aware, with the 2019-20 exams series being cancelled, Ofqual, the examination regulator, developed a new process for calculating the grades scholars received so they could progress onto further study or employment as expected. Teachers had to take into consideration results of mock examinations, in-class tests, class work and progress through any non-examined assessment activities.

In light of this, the grades issued from the Autumn mock series *may* be used as part of a centre assessed grade in the event exams are cancelled this year. Scholars owe it to themselves to take these exams seriously, as every second counts. We strongly advise you and your child to read the information outlined below carefully.

Independent Study Programme Schedule

It is important that scholars prepare for the full suite of examinations in a systematic way. Success in examinations comes from the consistent adherence to some basic study routines. It's pertinent to note, scholars will not be able to cram their way to success and must instead prioritise daily, short bursts of varied, focussed study. Scholars should adhere to the below schedule to ensure they are completing sufficient levels of independent study to be well-placed for success.

	Monday (5.30-7.30pm)	Tuesday (5.30-7.30pm)	Wednesday (5.30-7.30pm)	Thursday (4.30-7.15pm)	Friday (4.30-7.15pm)	Saturday (9.00am-12.30pm)	Sunday (9.00am-12.30pm)
Start	Have a drink, eat a snack, turn off all social media, television and remove all distractions.						
40min session 1	MFL	Science	Humanities	English	Maths	Option 2	Science
20min break	Watch TV/ Talk to friends/ do an activity/ get up and move around						
40min session 2	Maths	English	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	MFL	English
20min break	Watch TV/ Talk to friends/ social media time/ get up and move around						
40min session 3				MFL	Humanities	Humanities	Option 1
20min break				Have snack, go to the toilet, leave the room and move around.			
40min session 4						Science	Option 3
End				Have a drink, eat a snack, turn on social media.			



Things scholars can do right now to get ahead:

1. Prioritise revision topics

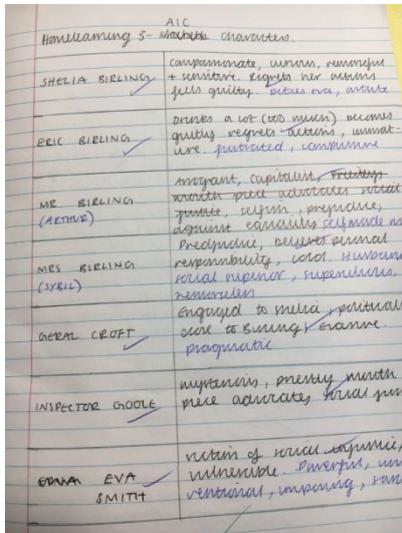
This will require introspection. Scholars should triangulate their 2019-20 PLCs, Y10 mock examination scripts and course content to determine the best order to revise topics.

We would advise scholars to resist the urge to focus on areas they are confident in first. Instead, it would be logical to find a balance between topics they're least familiar with and those which they'll be able to get through quickly.

A full list of the course content and links to revision activities can be found here: www.tinyurl.com/AGFSYear11Revision.

2. Self-quizzing

Practice at retrieving knowledge or skill from memory is a potent tool for learning and durable retention. Therefore, one of most effective ways of approaching revision is self-quizzing; scholars need to:



1. Learn as much as they can from the knowledge organiser (KO).
2. Turn the KO over and write down as much as they can accurately remember.
3. Flip the KO back over and check the accuracy of what they've written.
4. Use a blue pen to correct any errors and fill in any gaps.
5. Repeat step 1 to 4 until they've achieved 100% success three times in a row.

3. Try past papers

Whilst this may feel nerve-racking at first, consolidating knowledge with past papers is a sure-fire way to prepare for exams. By working through different exam questions, scholars will quickly identify their strengths and areas for improvement.

Here are some ideas for scholars:

- Select a paper
- Start a timer, and try to answer all the questions (have a go, even if they are unsure)
- Carefully review all answers against the mark scheme
- Correct mistakes using teacher-written model answers
- Repeat this at least once every two weeks



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Mock examinations can be a very demanding time for scholars. We are working hard to prepare them as thoroughly as possible for their examinations. If you are concerned about your child and wish to seek advice or support please contact the school via email or telephone.

A copy of the examination schedule can be found [here](#). For more information about the assessment dates and times, please click [here](#).

Mock Results Day Evening - 24th November 2020

Whilst we would have loved to celebrate our scholars mock examination results in person, in light of the latest government guidance, we will be hosting this remotely. Y11 scholars will join the virtual results day via MS Teams, the link to join is:

<https://tinyurl.com/AGFSYear11MockResultsEvening>

The schedule for the event will be as follows:

- 6pm, Virtual Results Event begins
- 6.45pm, results will be emailed to your child's school email address
- A hard copy of results will also be posted home

We wish your child the very best of luck and we look forward to celebrating their well-deserved results.

Yours sincerely,

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