



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

Mock Exams

As you will be aware, Year 11 students are approaching their first set of mock examinations from Thursday 5th November to Tuesday 17th November. There are also practical exams that follow these in the creative subjects as well as MFL speaking mocks.

It is extremely important that students take these set of exams seriously and prepare fully by revising and creating a revision timetable. Revision resources and the best ways that students can revise have been shared with you and them previously and are on our website [here](#).

The examinations will run in line with JCQ exam regulations to prepare students for the summer GCSE exam season. Students will enter the exam hall in silence, must sit in their allocated desk and face forwards. Communication at any time with other students is not allowed. Students are also asked to leave the exam hall in silence as students with access arrangements may still be working.

Please be advised that any infraction of the expected behaviour will result in parents needing to come into school and meet with myself or Ms May. Students are aware of the consequences of breaching exam regulations which can lead to disqualification from that exam or in extreme cases, every exam with that exam board. Hence, it is vital that we ensure a high standard of behaviour and that regulations are met so this is not an issue in the summer.

This level of focus should be also given in the lessons around the examinations as these can make a big difference in any final GCSE grade the student receives. This means attending every lesson on time and engaging fully.

We have informed the students that their examinations are the sole focus for their efforts in the remaining 7 months at the academy. We have been so impressed with the high turnout to period 6 and the effort students have been putting into their work.

However, any student who fails to adhere to these expectations has been told that they may not be invited to the Prom at the end of the year. We fully expect that this will not apply to any student in the year group.

Please note some important practical information about the mocks:

- Students should arrive at school at the normal time i.e. 8.17AM. They will complete a warm -up session and then begin their AM exams immediately after this. We would encourage parents who drive their children to school to leave extra time to ensure they are not late during this period.
- Afternoon exams start at 12.45pm, so this means that students will have their lunch after period 3 to ensure exams finish before the end of the day.

- Students will be strongly encouraged to attend Period 6 sessions, since they have been timetabled to match the exams they are taking the following day.
- It is vital that students come fully equipped to every exam. They must have multiple black pens, highlighters and other specific equipment such as a scientific calculator and protractor. Please also note students must have a clear pencil case as they will not be allowed any others in the exam hall. They may take in a clear bottle of water too if they wish.
- Any revision materials that they have used must be left outside of the exam hall.
- A minority of students are entitled to access arrangements in how they complete their examinations. Those families will already have been told what this is and how they can be supported.

The mock exams mark a very challenging time for all Year 11 students. They know that they will have to work harder than they have ever worked before to be successful and this needs to be mirrored at home. Please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep before each examination and we recommend that any mobile phones or laptops are removed from their bedrooms to encourage sleep and discourage unwelcome distractions.

The importance of the exams can lead to stress and anxiety. We know this is a natural response to something that is important in students' lives. Some nerves are entirely reasonable; however, we must be mindful of any student whose well-being is really affected by this process. Please do contact us if you wish to talk to us about any student who you have a well-being concern about and we will try to support that young person as much as we possibly can during this time.

We are very proud of the Year 11 cohort and believe they will be successful in the weeks ahead in what is the first important step towards excellent GCSE outcomes in the final examinations next summer.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like any further clarification about the upcoming November 2026 mock examinations.

Yours faithfully



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