

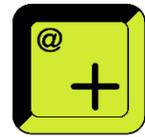


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Dear Year 10 and 11 Parents

Due to the upheaval encountered by us all in the last academic year through the pandemic, we have decided to hold our first set of Mock exams for Year 10 and 11 a month earlier than we normally would. Therefore this set of exams will run from 5th October to 19th October 2020.

The main purpose of the exams will be to identify as quickly as possible how students are performing at this point in time following the disruption that they have encountered to their learning during the lockdown. This will allow us to identify gaps in knowledge and skills much more quickly (also catching up on exams that they would have sat at the end of summer term which would normally allow us to gain a clear picture). Ultimately effective assessment allows us to ensure that Teaching and Learning addresses any gaps that students need support with.

Due to the restrictions that are placed upon the school in terms of social distancing there will be some changes to how exams are run that we need to draw your attention to:

- Students will register in their upper school area first, and then walk to the Main hall (which is in the Year 7 zone) together once we know that all Year 7 pupils are already in their classrooms). This ensures that we do not mix year group bubbles.
- The Main hall will be in use for many of the students, but we will also be using classrooms in upper school as an overflow and for students requiring additional support and access arrangements.
- We will NOT be lending ANY equipment to students. They must have everything that they need for each exam in a clear pencil case.
- Invigilators will not be able to fully assist all students in the normal way whilst ensuring that they remain two meters from them at all times. Therefore they will not be able to answer individual questions about exam papers etc.
- Students will need to put hands up and signal to the invigilation team that they need a toilet or other assistance that allows for social distancing.
- Some access arrangements will be delivered in different ways to support our staff with social distancing, therefore we will be utilising additional reading pens, and the



use of IT and in some cases students who require a reader will have that provided in a group environment.

Both year groups will find the year 11 section of our website helpful as it includes tips on how to revise effectively, how to organise their time, and a booklet that shows what the key areas of knowledge or skills are for each of our subjects in our own revision guide. This can be found here: <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/portals/student/year-11-information/>

Most importantly, at this early stage of the academic year it is important to realise that this set of exams is being used to help the students identify what they know and can do well, and what they need to practice further. There will be a further set of Mock exams later in the academic year, particularly for Year 11. At the moment however, the Government DfE and exam boards have not informed us of the actual dates of next summer's exams. We will update you when we hear more.

Yours faithfully

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