

RE: 5th Form Mock Exams and Summer Study Leave Dates

Dear 5th Form Parents,

Firstly, a huge well done to our 5th Form cohort as they really start to knuckle down in these pre-mock exam weeks. Also, a big thank you to you and your families who will be in the mock revision 'trenches' with them and supporting them back at home. To help with this, I wanted to outline key dates and pieces of information as we approach the end of this term.

- As of Monday 6th December, **all*** 5th Form homework time will be dedicated to directed revision tasks ahead of mocks. Please expect your child(ren) to be revising during these last two weeks of term (**caveat is coursework subjects which are still under deadlines*).
- The **2026 GCSE Mock Examinations** will take place from the first day back in January to the following Thursday inclusive. **Tuesday 6th January – Thursday 15th January.**
- The detailed January examination timetable will be sent to your child(ren) in due course, and we also have a 5th Form assembly later this term where the details and semantics of the mock exams will be explained in full and in person to them all.
- There will be no more than 2 exams per day to better reflect pupil experience in the summer. To ensure this is the case and to spread the load the following exams are taking place this side of Christmas (and this information has already been disseminated to pupils):

Date	Exam
Monday 24 th November	French Speaking
Tuesday 25 th – Thursday 27 th November	Spanish Speaking
Monday 1 st December	EVG French Listening
Tuesday 2 nd December	Spanish Listening
Thursday 4 th December	NFH French Listening
Thursday 11 th December	English Literature (in lieu of CCF training)

- **Mock exam study leave.** Should your child(ren) not have an exam in an AM/PM slot or on a particular day in the mock exam window then they are entitled to take study leave. HOWEVER, this can only be confirmed by contacting the School Secretary on each occasion of study leave absence. Pupils **MUST** sign in/out via the School Office as per normal attendance regulations at any other time in the school year.
- When pupils are in school during the mock window but *not* in an exam, they will be in normal timetabled lessons with their regular teachers doing supervised revision.

In addition, I wanted you to have an early heads-up for summer Study Leave dates. Comprehensive details of summer public examinations will be with you before Easter but in the meantime please add the below to your diaries.

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th May – Friday 8 th May	GCSE Consultation: Normal timetable but revision only. Study leave begins at 4:20pm on Friday
Monday 11 th May	Full study leave

Should you have any queries about the mock examinations or any element of this next important part of your child(ren)s education then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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