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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 21st March 2022, Year 11 students will begin their second round of formal mock exams in English, Maths and Science. These exams are the best way for students to demonstrate their learning and identify what they need to work on before their real exams in the summer. Students are also completing mock exams in other subjects, these have been spread throughout the half-term and completed in lessons in order to give students the best chance to prepare and demonstrate their learning.

Exam timetables for English, Maths and Science will be shared with you today, we have also updated the exams information and newsletter which you can find on the link below.

Recently, each exam board has shared the advance information for this year's exam series. This information gives students and teachers an idea of what will be tested on exam papers for certain subjects. We have already used this information to focus our curriculum and revision sessions ahead of the exams and teachers will continue to share this information with students in useful ways. We have also added the links for this information to our exam support page on the link below.

<https://www.kelvinhall.net/students-exam-support>

Students will begin their official GCSE and Vocational exams from the week commencing 9th May 2022, this means their first GCSE exam is only 8 school weeks away.

Earlier in the year, we received additional information from Ofqual about the contingency arrangements for students' summer exams. If these exams are unable to go ahead again due to the pandemic, we will be asked to provide teacher assessed grades for students. These grades must be based on assessment evidence from throughout this academic year, and these assessments must be completed in strict exam conditions. This means that students:

- **Must follow all exams guidance provided by JCQ and displayed in the exam rooms**
- **Must follow all instructions from invigilators**
- **Must be reported to the exam boards if they commit malpractice**
- Must not know the questions in advance
- Must work independently and without assistance (unless entitled to access arrangements)
- Must not have access to books or revision notes during exams
- Must be timed and supervised at all times
- Cannot complete the same paper as their peers if they miss the exam

I would like to stress that if students fail to follow examination rules in our mock examination series, we are now **required** to report them to the relevant exam board. This is a new rule for this academic year. If students are reported for malpractice this can have serious consequences including disqualification from individual papers, disqualification from whole qualifications, and disqualification from anything provided by the exam board.

This mock examination series is an important piece of formal assessment evidence we are collecting that would be used for teacher assessed grades. Completing mock exams is also a crucial part of preparing for real exams. **It is incredibly important that students attend school, take the mock exams seriously, prepare well for the examinations, and make a good effort to perform at their best.** If students miss an exam, this will weaken the available evidence to award them a grade if needed in the future.



Please take the opportunity to discuss this with your child and make sure they understand the importance of their mocks. As always, thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mr Christopher Leng



Head of School
Kelvin Hall School

Resources for additional and catch-up learning

Guidance regarding exams, adjustments to qualifications, and subject-specific revision guidance
<https://www.kelvinhall.net/parents-exam-support>

Year 11 Revision Schedules and Intervention Days
<https://www.kelvinhall.net/year-11-information>

Curriculum Plans for Kelvin Hall School showing what students have covered this year
<https://sites.google.com/yhclt.net/kelvin-curriculum-2020/home>

Revision resources and exam questions provided by Kelvin Hall School teachers
<https://sites.google.com/kelvinhall.net/kelvinindependence>

Century Tech – an intelligent online home learning resource
<https://app.century.tech/login/>

Student lesson resources from their classes this year
<https://classroom.google.com/>

Elevate education study skills masterclass
Students have the completed booklets from this training

Online lessons provided by Oak National Academy
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

Help to access Google Classroom and suggested independent revision and catch-up resources provided by Kelvin Hall department leaders
<https://www.kelvinhall.net/curriculum-home-learning>

Key Stage 3 revision resources
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

Key Stage 4 revision resources
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>

Knowledge and revision resources for a variety of subjects
<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

