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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 15th March 2022, Year 10 students will begin their formal English Language mock exams. 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 will complete their official GCSE English Language exams on Wednesday 18th May and Friday 10th June, 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

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

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

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>

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/>

