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REF: November MOCK Exams/DWD

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to be able to share with you the final details of the mock exams your child will complete from the 9<sup>th</sup> November until the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. These mock exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their GCSE summer examinations. At Bradford Forster Academy, we want to ensure that your child is fully prepared for the summer examinations, and we hope that you will fully support us in delivering a successful mock examination period.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams run at Bradford Forster Academy. They will also enable students to practice their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to refocus their revision. These exams will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support to be able to achieve their full potential.

Please see the mock examination timetable overleaf which outlines all the exams which will take place during the mock period.

### **Attendance**

Throughout the academic year we promote the importance of attendance to all our students. During this mock examination period it is critical that Year 11 students attend school on time each day. Preparation and understanding of key concepts will benefit your child in succeeding in the summer examinations and will promote success in their future endeavours.

### **Expectations**

Previous mock exams have followed the expectations of the academy and of the national exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall and must not attempt to communicate with or disturb any other student.
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and watches.

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- Students must only have a transparent water bottle which can only contain water and a clear pencil case (although equipment will be provided for each examination).
- Students must leave all their belongings in the designated area.

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly **has to** be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade.

It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers.

Students who do not follow the basic examination expectations will have consequences put in place as follows on an exam by exam basis:

- First incidence: Warning and phone call home
- Second incidence: 30-minute detention in the detention hall
- Third incidence: 60-minute detention in the detention hall
- Fourth incidence: All remaining examinations to be conducted elsewhere in school.

Each incidence will be looked at individually and may require different sanctions from those indicated above.

As parents you may also be sent a letter and be invited into school for a meeting with myself or another member of the senior team as any poor behaviour not only affects their own performance but the performance of others around them.

We recognise that the assessments periods can be worrying and stressful for students and your child's wellbeing is our main priority. Please do not hesitate to contact the year team via [info@bfa.bdat-academies.org](mailto:info@bfa.bdat-academies.org) if you have any concerns about how they are coping during this time or if you need further assistance.

I hope these examinations will be a valuable experience for your child. We are proud of our students and wish them every success.

Yours sincerely



Diane Whitehead

Vice Principal

## Mock Exam Timetable

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Exam</b>
Mon 25 Nov	09:00 AM	01:45	Religious Education Paper 1
Mon 25 Nov	13:00 PM	01:30	Maths Paper 1
Tue 26 Nov	09:00 AM	01:45	English Literature
Tue 26 Nov	13:00 PM	01:15	Science Biology
Wed 27 Nov	09:00 AM	00:45	Spanish Reading & Listening
Wed 27 Nov	13:00 PM	01:30	Maths Paper 2
Thu 28 Nov	09:00 AM	01:30	Geography Paper 1
Thu 28 Nov	09:00 AM	01:20	History Paper 1
Thu 28 Nov	13:00 PM	01:15	Media Studies Paper 1
Fri 29 Nov	09:00 AM	01:45	English Language
Fri 29 Nov	13:00 PM	01:15	Science Chemistry
Mon 02 Dec	09:00 AM	01:45	French Reading & Listening
Mon 02 Dec	13:00 PM	01:15	Science Physics
Tue 03 Dec	09:00 AM	01:30	Geography Paper 2
Tue 03 Dec	09:00 AM	01:00	History Paper 2
Tue 03 Dec	13:00 PM	01:15	Music
Wed 04 Dec	09:00 AM	01:30	Maths Paper 3
Wed 04 Dec	13:00 PM	01:12	French Writing
Wed 04 Dec	13:00 PM	01:20	Spanish Writing H
Thu 05 Dec	09:00 AM	01:15	Religious Education Paper 2
Thu 05 Dec	13:00 PM	01:30	History Paper 3
Fri 06 Dec	09:00 AM	01:45	Business Paper
Fri 06 Dec	13:00 PM	01:45	Citizenship
Mon 09 Dec	09:00 AM	05:00	Art Exam
Tue 10 Dec	09:00 AM	05:00	Photography Exam