

MEW/jr

1 October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 11 Practice GCSE/GCSE Equivalent Examinations 2021**

Please find attached the GCSE Practice Examination schedule for your son/daughter. An individual exam timetable will be issued the week before the exams begin.

These examinations are run under full GCSE conditions and are used to ensure candidates are fully aware of the conditions and regulations covering public examinations. We would welcome your support in ensuring your son/daughter approaches them with due diligence. Enhanced cleaning procedures and hand sanitiser will be available for students and they are allowed to wear masks if they wish.

It is important that candidates note the dates and times of their exams and ensure that they are on time for all examinations. Candidates should be at their examination room at least 10 minutes before the published start time of each examination and should have all the necessary equipment. **For public examinations they must use black ink.** Would you therefore please ensure that your son/daughter has a black pen.

As GCSE courses are changing there has been an increase in the number of linear examinations your son/daughter will sit. With the shift towards linear examinations it is also important that he/she knows how to prepare for these exams, including how they revise, practise answering questions and use their independent study time. There is a WINK event that will focus on supporting your son/daughter in preparation for the GCSE examinations on Tuesday 5 October. An exams booklet with further specific exam information will be with you shortly.

The exams schedule is very tight and so we will be suspending the Year 11 timetable from Tuesday 2 November 2021 until Friday 12 November 2021 inclusive. During this time, they only need to be in school for their examinations. If you wish your son/daughter to remain in school during the week, suitable accommodation will be provided and students should sign in with the member of staff in the room. Students do still have their 3<sup>rd</sup> Maths exam and for some their 3<sup>rd</sup> History exam on the following Monday (15<sup>th</sup> Nov) but they are all expected back in school for that day and in lessons when not in an exam.

Our expectations are that if students are not sitting an examination or working in school, they are at home revising and preparing for their next exam. They should not be in the village or shops around Hedge End and any students who are not abiding by this request will have their exam leave suspended and their normal timetable reinstated.

Although these examinations are a practice for students to experience the questions and receive feedback on them they will also be taken into account if the school is asked to provide a Centre Assessed Grade as we were for the two previous Year 11 cohorts. Therefore, students should apply themselves to their studies and attempt each exam to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions regarding this examination session, please direct them to Mrs Clilverd, Exams Officer by email [exams@wildern.org](mailto:exams@wildern.org) in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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