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Our ref: RP/ER/Year 11 Mock Exams 2

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Year 11 Spring Term Mock Exam**

During the Spring term Year 11 pupils will sit their mock exams. These exams are invaluable in allowing pupils to experience the work ethic that is needed for GCSE and BTEC examinations, and to develop the resilience needed during this process. These exams will demonstrate the current working at grade for pupils and will support teachers with their planning for future lessons and pupil's personal revision.

To support their studies, we will/have put in the place the following:

- Assemblies on how to revise and manage exam stress
- A mock assembly providing all of the information about how the mock examinations are organised and expected conduct during exams
- Revision materials in lessons
- Intervention sessions
- Revision resources are available here: <https://decschool.co.uk/year-11-revision/>
- Access to online platforms such as SENECA Learning, Maths Watch and GCSE Pod.
- Help your child to revise sessions run at the recent parents evening in December.
- Revision support booklets

The Year 11 exam window begins week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and will span 4 weeks, to provide pupils with the experience of having to prepare and revise for exams. Pupils are already aware how important these exams are and they know that they should be trying their very best.

Pupils have received their mock timetable and it can also be accessed on the school website: <https://decschool.co.uk/exams/>. Please check the exam timetable carefully with your child. To support pupils wellbeing, pupils will not be expected to attend lessons after an afternoon exam (exams that start at 1pm). Pupils will be dismissed from school after the end of the examination and will be allowed off site early (afternoon exams only). If your child needs to stay on site, they will be in the success centre for the remainder of that day.

To further support your child, period 6, during this examination window, will be not be running. Pupils will be expected to start period 6, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. These mock exams will be running exactly how the exams will run in the summer, to ensure that pupils have first-hand experience of what the exam season is like. Pupils who have access arrangements will have already received a letter home outlining what is in place for the pupil. All pupils will sit their examinations in the sports hall, as they did for their previous mocks.

As with the terminal examinations in May/June 2024, attendance is vital to every exam. If your child misses an examination, then they run the risk of achieving zero for the paper(s) in question and no time will be allocated to redo the examination. (*Exams taking place during the New York and Austria Trip, do not apply to this and time will be found accordingly when students return*)

If your son/daughter has any concerns about the exams or their wellbeing during this time then they should speak to their form tutor in the first instance.

If you have any questions regarding the end of year exams please do not hesitate to contact the school on [enquiry@decschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@decschool.co.uk) and mark for the attention of Ms E Raine or Ms S Chaplin.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

