

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations

Mock examinations provide excellent preparation for the external examinations later in the year. They also give the pupils and their teacher's valuable information about their current levels of performance, the pupils' strengths and those areas that they still need to develop in order for them to fulfil their potential in the summer.

The first round of mocks will occur over a few weeks in lessons. The examination weeks will take place from:

Tuesday 4th November 2025 to Friday 29th November 2025

A timetable is attached detailing the timings. Pupils are expected to arrive and attend school as they normally would in appropriate uniform. All examinations will be taking place during lessons.

Due to the courses still being taught a modified exam experience will be offered, so that students are tested on work covered to date. Therefore, it is vital that pupils listen to staff about what to revise for their papers.

Revision strategies will be shared at the support evening on **Thursday 9th October**. The details for this are available on our school website. There are a number of excellent online resources pupils can access to supplement their revision, and these will be discussed at the Academic mentoring evening that will be hosted on **Tuesday 7th October** with form tutors. They can also ask their form tutor to assist them in preparing a revision timetable.

If you have any further questions regarding the content of the examinations, please do not hesitate to contact the Subject Leaders. Their contact details are mentioned in the 'Raising Attainment' booklet on the website. If you have any questions regarding the examination process, please contact our Exam Officer, Mr Craig Gardiner (cgardiner@stamfordwellandacademy.org).

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hayley Twigger
Assistant Principal

Timetable for Y11 Exams (Nov 2025)

All examinations will take place in the Sports Hall, unless you have been told otherwise.

WEEK A		1	2	3	4	5
4th Nov	Tuesday	Sport coursework session (selected students) Task: 2hrs (Room 20)				Health & Social Care PSA Task 2hrs (Room 20)
5th Nov	Wednesday	11B DT NEA session 2hrs (Workshop)				11D DT NEA session 2hrs (Workshop)
6th Nov	Thursday	Art Exam (Block C) - Art room (All day)				
7th Nov	Friday	Art Exam (Block C) - Art room (All day)				

WEEK B		1	2	3	4	5
10th Nov	Monday	Maths Paper 1 (1hr30)			Biology Paper 1 (1hr15)	
11th Nov	Tuesday	English Literature Paper 1 (1hr45)			Geography Paper 1 (1hr30)	
12th Nov	Wednesday	Chemistry Paper 1 (1hr15)			Maths Paper 2 (1hr30)	
13th Nov	Thursday	English Language Paper 1 (1hr45)			French & Spanish Listening F: 40mins, H: 50 mins Main Hall & Sports Hall	French & Spanish Reading F: 45mins, H: 1hr Main Hall & Sports Hall
14th Nov	Friday	History Paper 2: American West and Elizabeth (1hr50)			Design & Technology (exam) (2hrs)	

WEEK A		1	2	3	4	5
17th Nov	Monday	Creative iMedia coursework session (selected students) Task: 2hrs (Room 11) Enterprise and Marketing Coursework session (selected students) Task: 2hrs (Room 20)			French & Spanish Writing (F: 1hr 10 mins, H: 1hr 15 mins)	
18th Nov	Tuesday	Maths Paper 3 (1hr30)			Geography Paper 3 (30mins)	
19th Nov	Wednesday	Physics Paper Paper 1 (1hr15)			Sport (exam) (1hr30)	
20th Nov	Thursday	Enterprise and Marketing (exam) (1hr15)			Food (exam) 1hr30 (Room 1 & 7)	
21st Nov	Friday	Creative iMedia (exam) (1hr30) Health & Social Care (exam) 1hr 30			Media coursework session (selected students) 2hrs (Room 1)	

WEEK B		1	2	3	4	5
24th Nov	Monday	French & Spanish Speaking - PLA & WMI (with IMA) (Exam times tbc by NME- Board Room)				
25th Nov	Tuesday	French & Spanish Speaking - LFO (Exam times tbc by NME- Board Room)				
		Maths (Double Entry only - set 2) - Paper 1 (1hr30)				
		Computer Science - Paper 1 (1h30)				
26th Nov	Wednesday	French & Spanish Speaking - PLA (with IMA) (Exam times tbc by NME- Board Room)				
27th Nov	Thursday	French Speaking - LFO (Exam times tbc by NME- Board Room)				
		Maths (Double Entry only - set 2) - Paper 2 (1hr30)				
		Computer Science - Paper 2 (1h30)				
28th Nov	Friday	Community Language Writing (1hr)			Community Language Listening F: 40mins, H: 50 mins Main Hall & Sports Hall	Community Language Reading F: 40mins, H: 50 mins Main Hall & Sports Hall

Additional Examination Information

Study Leave

There is no study leave for students during examinations. If students are not attending examinations, they are expected to attend all normal lessons. Staff are aware of when students have examinations and will plan accordingly.

Organising yourself for exam days:

- Make sure that you know exactly when your exams are.
- Make sure you have everything you need the night before – books you can take in, equipment including a calculator.
- Be fresh, get up in good time, shower and EAT breakfast. This will help kick start your brain as it uses huge amounts of glucose in exams. Students who eat breakfast perform better in GCSE's.
- Please ensure you allow enough time to get to school so if you are delayed for any reason e.g. traffic, you will still arrive in good time.
- Leave yourself time to go to the toilet before the exam.
- Have water ready for the exam – don't dehydrate and lose concentration.
- Prepare equipment ready for the exams, including a spare of each item. You need to make sure that you bring in ALL relevant items for each exam, e.g. a calculator. Please make sure you also bring in pens, pencils, eraser, ruler and a sharpener in a clear pencil case or plastic bag.

Examination Advice:

- Being nervous is normal and gives your brain extra adrenalin to help you make a final effort.
- Listen to the teacher/invigilator for any last minute instructions.
- Read the instructions and then read through the paper – don't pick up your pen until you have done this.
- As you read mark off questions you can do and then choose the best ones for you – check that you have chosen the right number of questions.
- Spend the first couple of minutes writing down key formula or facts you are going to need so you don't forget them or leave them out.
- Know how many marks each section or question is worth and how you should split your time. If you run out of time write in note form to get some facts down but keep to your time limits – you can always come back if you have time at the end.
- If you go blank at any stage leave that question, take a few deep breaths, turn over and do something else you can do. Come back to it and reread it slowly and calmly.

Exam Arrangements & Regulations:

If you are ill and cannot take the exam, you must telephone the school immediately and leave a message.

You must ensure you sit at the correct table.

Once inside the room, Exam Board rules state that you must be silent. If there is any communication between any students it will be assumed that you are cheating and will be treated accordingly. You must not talk until you leave the exam room.

We cannot stress enough how important it is not to bring in mobile phones, MP3 players or any other electronic device. Anyone caught with a mobile phone or electronic device whether it is turned off or not will be severely reprimanded by the appropriate Exam Board. You may be disqualified from that exam and any other exams.

You can bring a clear bottle of drink into the exam room. However, you are not allowed to bring in the following items:

- Canned or cartons of drinks
- Chewing Gum
- Any other food

You are not allowed to leave the exam room even if you have finished your exam.