



THE BOURNE ACADEMY

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Core Mock Examinations**

I am writing to update you with information regarding the forthcoming Mock Assessments for Year 11 which are due to take place between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Mock assessments for core exams will take place in the hall. Option subjects will take place in the classroom.

Mock Assessments are an ideal opportunity for students to experience the preparation, organisation and expectations required for the GCSE period. Consequently, the exams are run under the same regulations used during the summer exams and behaviour should be exemplary. Students failing to abide by exam board regulations will be sanctioned accordingly.

This year the Government have confirmed the use of formula sheets for Science and Mathematics examinations. Pre-pandemic these were not provided for exams. These will be provided during the mock examinations and the GCSE exams as supportive measure put in place for students to account for the impact of the pandemic for all Year 11 students.

Please remind your child of the importance of these mock exams. Mock assessments will be run under the same regulations used during the GCSE exams. JCQ, the governing board who oversee exams, have stated that any incidents of malpractice during mock exams must be reported to exam boards. Examples of malpractice would be being in possession of/using a mobile phone or submitting fabricated evidence or plagiarised work. Such incidents would constitute malpractice and centres must report these to the appropriate awarding organisations. This means that behaviour should be exemplary, and all exam conditions must be adhered to.

Teachers will be providing students with revision materials this term, to support them in preparing for their upcoming Mock Assessments. Students should be preparing for these assessments using the materials provided.

If your child has been granted access arrangements via the JCQ they will be provided with these for core exams. All access arrangements are given based on the candidates' normal way of working and if they are not used correctly, they will be removed for future assessment and examination series.

Students will attend school as usual. A timetable of the core exams has been included in this letter. This will support you to prepare your child in preparing for their assessments. If they are not in an exam, then they will be expected to attend their scheduled lessons.

Students are expected to bring with them all their equipment. Any specialist equipment needed for the assessment will be supplied by the Academy.

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Please note the exams that are scheduled for P5 will finish past 3pm.

We wish your child the best of luck with the assessments.

Yours sincerely,

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