



Ark Charter Academy

Wednesday 18th October 2017

Dear Year 11 Parent, Guardian or Carer,

Yr 11 Mock GCSE Exams and Assessments Monday 13th November – Friday 1st December

Mock GCSE exams for all Year 11 students will take place from Monday 13th November. Students will be sitting mock exams in English Literature, Mathematics, Science (both combined and separate qualifications) and Media Studies. These are formal exams that will take place under formal exam conditions in preparation for their GCSEs later in the year.

Where subjects have been focusing on completing fieldwork, controlled assessments or completing the exam syllabus, students will sit mock exams in February/March next year. Students will complete an assessment in these subjects, many of which will take place in the exam hall.

Year 11 Drama students will also be completing their Practical Assessment on Friday 1st December. This is the final assessment and marks awarded will count towards your child's final GCSE Drama grade. Further information regarding this assessment will be sent out by Ms Claxton.

Please find the Mock Exam and Assessment Timetable enclosed with this letter. Your child has already been given a copy.

Please make sure your child is aware of the importance of these mock exams and assessments. They are essential practice for the actual GCSE exams next summer. Additionally, results in these exams will guide teaching staff as to how much additional teaching and intervention time your child needs to be ready for the GCSE exams in May-June 2018. The better your child does at this stage, and the closer to target grades, the less time your child is likely to need to spend in intervention lessons before or after school, and in the school holidays.

During the mock exams please try to avoid taking your child out of school due to medical or other appointments wherever possible. Also please try to avoid time off school due to sickness unless your child is really quite ill. In the actual GCSEs there are no opportunities to catch up on exams missed – unless there is medical evidence to show the student was too ill to take the exam the student will lose all the marks for the missed paper. We will follow the same process for the mock exams, unless medical evidence is provided students will only be given marks if the exam is taken.

Further information about the mock exams and assessments, including how you can support your child with preparing for them, can be found on our website on the revision page in the curriculum section.

If you have any questions about these mock exams/assessments please do contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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November 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14	15	16	17
P1/P2 English Literature Mock Paper 1 1h45m (HPT)	P1	P1	P1 Mathematics Mock Paper 1 1h30m (HPT)	P1/P2/P3 English Literature Mock Paper 2 2h15m (HPT)
P3	P2	P2	P2	
P4	P3	P3	P3	
P5/P6 Science Mock Paper 1 1h15m/1h45m Paper 1 (HPT)	P4	P4	P4	P4
	P5	P5	P5/P6 Science Mock Paper 2 1h15m/1h45m Paper 1 (HPT)	P5 Spanish Listening 45m/1h (HPT/Studio)
	P6	P6		P6
20	21	22	23	24
P1	P1 Business Studies 60m (HPT) Classics 60m (HPT) Music 50m PE Paper 1 50m	P1	P1 Mathematics Mock Paper 2 1h30m (HPT)	P1 Science Mock Paper 3 1h15m/1h45m Paper 1 (HPT)
P2	P2 ICT (11C) 50m Music 50m	P2	P2	P2
P3 Art 50m	P3	P3	P3	P3
P4 Art 50m ICT (11A) 50m, CPS 70-90m	P4	P4 RE 30m (HPT)	P4	P4
P5	P5	P5 Spanish Writing 1h10/ 1h20 (HPT)	P5	P5
P6	P6	P6	P6	P6 Music 50m, PE Paper 2 50m
27	28	29	30	1
P1	P1/P2 Mathematics Mock Paper 3 1h30m (HPT)	P1 Geography 25m (HPT)	P1 Spanish Reading 45m/1h (HPT)	Drama Practical Assessment EXTERNALLY ASSESSED UNIT (all day)
P2		P2	P2	
P3 Media Studies 1h30m (Exam room)	P3	P3	P3	
P4	P4	P4 RE 30m (HPT)	P4	
P5	P5	P5	P5	
P6	P6 History 55m (HPT)/Geography 55m (HPT)	P6	P6	