



The Birley Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 11 Mock Exams: Tuesday 21st February – Wednesday 1st March 2023

I am writing to inform you that on Tuesday 21st February – Wednesday 1st March we will be running a mock exam series in the school exam hall. Attached with this letter is the mock exam schedule.

Mock exams are very important for measuring student progress and identifying areas of support that students may need. Teachers will use the outcomes to inform their teaching / revision in the final weeks before the GCSE exams begin. The GCSE exams officially begin on 15th May (14 school weeks' time).

These assessments are in most cases full GCSE papers. It is therefore very important that students prepare for them seriously over the coming weeks, including having a focused revision plan over the February half term break. To support students' teachers may give your son/daughter additional revision materials to prepare for them. Likewise, in school, we will continue to use tutor time to focus on revision strategies. We would ask that if your son/daughter feels they need additional support structuring their revision timetables then he/she should speak to his/her Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Results from these mock exams will be used to inform your son/daughter's third ADP report which will be sent home before the Easter break. You will also have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress once the exam papers are marked. On Monday 24th April, there will be a final Year 11 Progress Parents' Evening.

If you need any further information regarding these mock exams please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Yours faithfully,

D. Casey

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Deputy Head Teacher