

SGS/JSS

18 October 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations 8-19 November 2021

Mock examinations will be staged for Year 11 as calendared, from 8th to 19th November 2021. The examinations will take place in the Sports Hall on both campuses, in order to give students the most realistic experience prior to their GCSEs in the Summer.

Please see the attached timetable which shows which examinations will be held in which lessons.

Students can now begin revision for these examinations if they have not done so already. Please direct students to the support and guidance available through the Year 11 Portal in Google Drive. They also have various Apps they can use for revision, e.g. Tassomai, PiXL.

We have made adjustments to the mock examinations, in line with government guidance around changes to exams for 2022. For those of you who are not aware, some subjects have had curriculum changes, for instance topics may have been cut, in order to give students more time to concentrate on pared down examinations. This is to compensate for time lost in the classroom due to Covid and lockdowns last year.

In an effort to make these exams as realistic as possible, students will hand their mobile phones in at the start of each session and exam conditions will be upheld in the Sports Halls.

If you have any queries regarding exams, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address below.

Yours sincerely

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GCSE 2022 - Subject adjustments in response to changes made to examinations
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Subject	Adjustments to curriculum	Adjustments to assessments
GCSE English Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some guidance will be given on the topic before 7th February, but no indication of what this will be. The assumption is either the overall focus of the paper or the creative writing prompts. We will continue as is until further guidance is given. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once we receive further guidance, we will ensure students have the same for assessments in March.
GCSE English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students able to 'drop' one area of Literature. We have chosen to not assess poetry as it has the highest cognitive load, induces the most anxiety in students and has the lowest accuracy on Tassomai. It was also the lowest scoring question in previous years (2019). GCSE Anthology poetry unit to be excluded from teaching and revision this year as it will no longer be an assessed text. Students will use the time previously designated to Anthology poetry to revise and revisit Macbeth and A Christmas Carol. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will longer be assessed on Anthology poetry. Students' mocks to take the new form and timings given by AQA.
GCSE Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of topics will be given on the 7th February, teaching will be geared towards these topics, as well as class/individual areas for development after this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be given a formula sheet Students will be given a list of topics to which they should focus their revision on.
GCSE Combined Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam boards will provide copies of the equation sheet for use in teaching to ensure students are familiar with it prior to exams. Practicals can be taught as demonstrations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be given a revised equation sheet for GCSE Physics and Combined Science covering all equations required in the subject content. Clean copy provided for exam. Advanced information on what exams will cover will be available from 7th February 2022.
GCSE Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicals can be carried out as demonstrations or simulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced information on what exams will cover will be available from 7th February 2022.
GCSE Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicals can be carried out as demonstrations or simulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced information on what exams will cover will be available from 7th February 2022.
GCSE Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Equation sheets - Exam boards will provide copies of the equation sheet for use in teaching to ensure students are familiar with it prior to exams. Practicals can be carried out as demonstrations or simulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be given a revised equation sheet for GCSE Physics and Combined Science covering all equations required in the subject content. Clean copy provided for exam. Advanced information on what exams will cover will be available from 7th February 2022.

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GCSE Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced information on what exams will cover will be available from 7th February 2022.
GCSE Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will no longer be required to complete off site fieldwork (Paper 3). Students will be able to opt for either Section B or Section C in the Human Geography Paper 2. As both units have already been taught we will make a judgement after the Nov Mocks on whether to focus revision on B or C or to continue to allow students a free choice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will not be assessed on Question 5 of Paper 3. Students will be given the option of answering questions from Section B or Section C in upcoming mocks. The mock exams will take account of changes to mark distribution and timings.
GCSE History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Elizabethan Unit will no longer be taught in class. Lesson content and resources will be provided via Google Classroom to ensure students have access to key knowledge in preparation for A Level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will only be assessed on 3 units covering, USA, Germany and Health and Medicine.
GCSE Religious Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced information on what exams will cover will be available from 7th February 2022.
GCSE Art and Design/Art and Design Fine Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No longer exam for this year - grades based on 100% coursework/portfolio
GCSE Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 3 - only one performance instead of two Component 2 - Students have the option to do a monologue instead Written exam - will be receiving information prior to the exam - Feb/2022 External examiner for component 3 scripted - no longer observing, so will send video footage.
GCSE Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students now have half the NEA requirement from before. 1 composition - 1 minute 30 seconds minimum. Using the exam brief is optional, and can be a free choice. 1 performance - 2 minutes minimum. Can be solo or ensemble. Written/listening exam remains as before.

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GCSE Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will no longer be assessed in three sports and now have the option to be assessed in two (One team/one individual) (both individual). No external moderator - practical footage filmed and sent off NEA - Students can complete this on any sport within the specification and not one that they can be practically assessed on.
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes - however if a student is a late entry they can have pictures of evidence in Unit 2 and 6, instead of being filmed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Unit 2 and Unit 6 students don't have to complete practical footage in a 'competitive' sense. However, we have already filmed this, so it will not impact our students.
GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEA 1 (usually worth 15% of final grade) is no longer required. All 50% NEA weighting within the course will come from NEA 2. Within NEA 2, the students now only need to make 2 dishes during the final practical. This is a reduction from previous years.
GCSE Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None - however a list of topics to be covered in the exam will be available in due course and once available learning will focus on these. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the NEA: Design Ideas section reduced from 20 to 10 marks. Analysis and evaluation section reduced from 20 to 15 marks. Students no longer need to create a finished product or finished prototype, they will receive marks on the 'intentions of the prototype'.
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Creative Media Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Component 1 portfolio work, students do not have to complete as many different examples from different types of media, as previously. However, as our students have completed Component 1 to a high standard prior to announcement of this adjustment, this will not impact our students.

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CHERBOURG CAMPUS

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Monday 8th Nov 2021	English Language paper 1 - 1 Hr 45 mins			OPTION F History - paper 1 - 45 mins Spanish Reading - F/H 45/60 mins D and T - 1 Hr
Tuesday 9th Nov 2021	Maths paper 1 - 1 Hr 30 mins			OPTION H GCSE PE - paper 1 - 1 Hr 15 mins
Wednesday 10th Nov 2021	Maths paper 2 - 1 Hr 30 mins			
Thursday 11th Nov 2021	Triple Science - 1 Hr 45 mins Combined Science - 1 Hr 15 mins			OPTION G History - paper 1 - 45mins Geography - paper 1 - 75 mins
Friday 12th Nov 2021	Triple Science - 1 Hr 45 mins Combined Science - 1 Hr 15 mins		OPTION E History - paper 1 - 45mins Geography - paper 1 - 75 mins Spanish Reading - F/H 45/60 mins	

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Tuesday 16th Nov 2021	OPTION F Spanish Listening - F/H 35/45 mins (In Class)			OPTION H GCSE PE - paper 2 - 1Hr 15 mins
Wednesday 17th Nov 2021	Maths paper 3 - 1 Hr 30 mins			
Thursday 18th Nov 2021	Triple Science - 1 Hr 45 mins Combined Science - 1 Hr 15 mins		OPTION E Spanish Listening - F/H 35/45 mins (In Class)	OPTION G History - paper 2 - 75 mins Geography - paper 2 - 75 mins
Friday 19th Nov 2021	English Literature paper 1 - 1 Hr 45 mins		OPTION E History - paper 2 - 75 mins Geography - paper 2 - 75 mins Spanish Writing - F/H 60/75 mins	

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Tuesday 9th Nov 2021	English Language paper 1 - 1 Hr 45 mins			OPTION C History - paper 1 - 45 mins Geography - paper 1 - 75 mins
Wednesday 10th Nov 2021	Maths paper 2 - 1 Hr 30 mins		OPTION A History - paper 1 - 45 mins Spanish Reading - F/H 45/60 mins	OPTION B RE - 1 Hr D and T - 1 Hr
Thursday 11th Nov 2021	Triple Science - 1 Hr 45 mins Combined Science - 1 Hr 15 mins			
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Wednesday 17th Nov 2021	Maths paper 3 - 1 Hr 30 mins		OPTION A History - paper 2 - 75 mins Spanish Writing - F/H 60/75 mins Music - Section B - 30 mins (In U2)	
Thursday 18th Nov 2021	OPTION A Spanish Listen F/H 35/45 mins (U8) Music - Section A - 1Hr (U2)			
Friday 19th Nov 2021	Triple Science - 1 Hr 45 mins Combined Science - 1 Hr 15 mins			

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