



23rd October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Academic Enrichment Opportunities, Mock Exams and Parents' Evenings

I am writing to outline some of the opportunities and events happening over this term to support your Year 11 child in their preparation for the summer exams 2025.

Academic Enrichment Sessions

In order to support students' preparation beyond that already underway in the classroom, teachers are offering a number of afterschool academic enrichment sessions to Year 11 students. A timetable for these is attached. We have managed to offer as many sessions as possible, while also providing these for our Year 13 students. We would appreciate you encouraging for your son/daughter to attend as many of these sessions as possible. The focus throughout will be on supporting students' preparation for their exams. This may be through subject content revision and knowledge acquisition, development of skills and understanding or working on exam technique. The sessions are not compulsory but will ensure students are able to spend further time with their subject teachers refining their exam practice.

Mock Exams

Year 11 mock exams will take place from **Friday 15th November to Thursday 28th November 2024**. The mock exams are an important part of the preparation for your child in the lead up to their formal exams in the summer. External invigilators will support our exam team and set up the Sports Hall to replicate the conditions students will see in the summer. Those students with Access Arrangements will be provided with the adjustments they should expect in the summer. During this time, normal attendance at school is expected and students will be in their normal classes between their exams.

The exams provide teachers with a valuable measure of students' progress towards their summer exams. This is both through feedback on topic areas, knowledge and understanding of areas that they still require more support with, through to areas of exam technique and recall. This information will shape the preparation for your son/daughter's summer exams. The mocks also give teachers an opportunity to assess students' performance in terms of a summative grade. These will help inform predicted grades and support admissions for Post-16 learning opportunities.

Could you please support us by ensuring that your child has all the equipment they need for their exams: black pens; pencils, eraser and a ruler with millimetre markings for Maths and Science exams; a calculator for Maths and Science exams. Attached to this letter is also a Student Checklist for Exams document, indicating all the

procedures that must be followed during the formal exam period. Can you please take some time to go through these with your child.

Mock Timetable and Website for Exams

The mock exam timetable is attached to this letter and will be published on our website. This will also be the location for further exam information throughout the year including the exam dates for summer 2025, when they are published. Students will also receive a personalised mock exam timetable, closer to the time of their exams, giving them details of venues and seating. Our exam policies can be found [here](#) on the website and candidate information document from JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) can be found [here](#) on the 'Information for Students' tab.

Parent Study Skills Evening – Thursday 17th October

Thank you to those parents that attended the Parent Study Skills evening last week. The evening was well supported and we hope that it enabled parents to understand how they can best support their child over the next few months. If you were unable to attend this event, the slides and resources are available [here](#) on the Study Skills tab.

Mock Results Day and Parents' Evening

We had lots of positive feedback last year on our mock results day for Year 11s. This will happen again this year on **Thursday 9th January 2025** where students will receive their sealed mock exam results. The Year 11 Parents' Evening will then take place on **Tuesday 14th January 2025**, allowing you and your son/daughter to hear about the progress they have made towards their summer exams. Again, further details about this evening will follow next term.

I hope this gives you an idea of the planning that is taking place in school to support your child for this important school year. Please feel free to email r.mason@brookfieldcs.org.uk if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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