



Re: Year 11 Core Mocks and Revision

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you at the end of what has been an incredibly busy, yet successful, half term for our Year 11 students. This half term they have received their mock results, had Parents' Evening progress conversations with their teachers, participated in Sixth Form interviews, and re-started their revision efforts with the re-launch of revision support sessions. We have also spent the last week running another 'Pop Up Rewards' week for Year 11, to boost their energy, motivation and recognise the brilliant effort they have been putting into their work. It has been a delight seeing them work so hard in their lessons and listening to staff sing their praises. We have had a number of students winning daily pop-up prizes like sweets, McDonald's lunches, vouchers and some LCD writing pads too!

It does feel almost unbelievable that we only have 43 school days remaining until the official GCSE exam season begins. With this in mind, I thought it would be useful to send some important reminders out regarding effective revision strategies, support available, and also a suggested schedule to keep our students on track with effective revision habits and routines.

When students return from the half-term break, they will have one school week before their final mock exams commence. These will be the core mock exams, starting on Monday 3rd March, covering English/Maths/Science only. Please see [here](#) for the timetable. Students have now all received their individual timetables. If your child has been absent and has not received theirs, please contact Mrs Purslow (npurslow@lymmhigh.org.uk).

Whilst it is important for students to find time to rest and reset over the half-term break, we also want to encourage them to make the most of this time preparing for their core mock exams. Class teachers will have set specific revision material on Class Charts to support with this. If your child is not sure where to begin, please see a suggested schedule below which incorporates a balance of rest and revision:

45-minute revision slots	Monday 17th Feb	Tuesday 18th Feb	Wednesday 19th Feb	Thursday 20th Feb	Friday 21st Feb	Saturday 22nd Feb
AM slot 1	Chemistry	A Christmas Carol	Maths Paper 1	Chemistry	Biology	Macbeth
AM slot 2	Maths Paper 1	Maths Paper 2	Biology	A Christmas Carol	Maths Paper 1	Chemistry

PM slot 1	Macbeth	Physics	Macbeth	Maths Paper 2	Physics	Maths Paper 2
PM slot 2	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Macbeth	A Christmas Carol	Biology

As a reminder, when completing their 45-minute independent revision slots, students should keep their revision as active as possible. The worst thing students can do to prepare is simply just to read and highlight. Instead, please encourage them to try:

- Chunking key information onto flashcards, and then self-quiz with these using 'look/cover/write/check'.
- Completing past papers in timed conditions.
- Completing brain dumps on key topics and then using a different coloured pen to fill in any knowledge gaps alongside class notes.
- Using quizzing apps such as Tassomai for Science and Sparx for Maths.

A full range of supportive strategies and effective revision methods can be accessed [here](#) (including a [student revision support booklet](#) and a [parent revision guide](#)). Subject staff have also put together '**Personalised Learning Checklists**' which outline all of the topics that students must know for the final GCSE exams. This is an excellent place to start if students are not sure what to revise. These documents also contain 'signposting' to useful websites and online tutorials which can support them. Please find the [link here](#).

It is also worth noting that as we are a Tassomai school, we have access to a range of 'Live' online lessons that they will be running over the half-term break. Students simply need to register their interest on the [Tassomai website](#) to receive information on how to join and the subjects/days/timings of the sessions.

Finally, students will also have received their 'Statements of Entry'. These are green sheets of paper which outline the exams they have been entered for in the summer, including tiers for subjects like Maths, Science and Languages. Please can you check this over carefully with your child, ensuring that they have been entered for all of the subjects they currently study and that their tiers for these subjects are accurate. Please email efeast@lymmhigh.org.uk if you find any errors so that we can rectify these ahead of the exam series.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable half-term break and thank you in advance for your support in keeping our Year 11 students motivated, on track and ready to perform in their core mocks on their return.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Feast
Senior Deputy Headteacher – Raising Standards