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26th February 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Spring Mock Examinations

During the Spring term Year 11 pupils will sit their second set of mock exams. These exams are invaluable in allowing pupils to experience the work ethic that is needed for GCSE and BTEC examinations, and to develop the resilience needed during this process. These exams will demonstrate the current working at grade for pupils and will support teachers with their planning to best support pupils as we approach their external GCSE examinations.

The Year 11 exam window begins week beginning 10th March and will span 3 weeks, to provide pupils with the experience of having to prepare and revise for exams. Pupils are already aware how important these exams are and they know that they should be trying their very best. Pupils have received their mock timetable and it can also be accessed on the school website: <u>https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/exams/</u>. Please check the exam timetable carefully with your child.

Please see the attached code of conduct for examinations, these are set externally by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). A list of key information for candidates can be found on their website - Information for candidates. To ensure your child is clear about regulations for exams and is clear about our academy routines and expectations we will be holding an assembly to communicate these. We will also remind pupils regularly throughout the mock window.

To support pupils' wellbeing, pupils will not be expected to return to lessons after an afternoon exam (exams that start at 1:10pm). Pupils will be dismissed from school after the end of the examination and will be allowed off site early (afternoon exams only). For pupils who do not have an afternoon examination they will remain in lessons until 3:10pm. Please contact postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk if you wish your child to remain on site after an afternoon exam and we will make provision for your child to have an appropriate space to revise.

To further support your child, period 6, during this examination window, will be voluntary. Subject staff will be on hand on the usual evenings to support pupils. Pupils will be expected to restart mandatory period 6, Monday 31st March 2025.

As with the terminal examinations in May/June 2025, attendance is vital to every exam. If your child misses an examination, then they run the risk of achieving zero for the paper(s) in question. If your son/daughter has any concerns about the exams, or

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their wellbeing during this time then they should speak to their form tutor in the first instance.

We will shortly be issuing an outline of pupils' summer examination timetables. For your records, the national contingency date is 25^{th} June 2025 in the event of a serious event of national or local significance exams may be rescheduled to this date, please ensure this date is factored into any plans.

Yours sincerely

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