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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 November Mock examinations

Year 11 are due to start mock examinations in the week commencing 11 November. The experience is designed to replicate the summer examination period and therefore examination timetables, venues, support and invigilation will all be in place.

The mock examination window is necessarily short and there will often be two examinations per day. This is to minimise the disruption to lessons and to impress upon students the need to prepare for exams in advance. Past experience informs us that some students do not have a comprehensive revision plan and simply revise for their next exam. This will not be suitable for GCSEs.

Students often have more anxiety about their November mocks than their actual GCSE exams. This is because the mock process not only gives information on progress, but plays a vital role preparing students emotionally for the exam period. There will be support available from the Hub, Mr Blunt, Mr Daybell and form tutors for any students with difficulties. We know that this mock process has huge benefits when it comes to taking exams in the summer.

Planning of revision will be essential for good achievement. Therefore, we have produced a Year 11 November Mock Revision Booklet in order to provide parents and students with relevant information and a summary of resources. Every department has contributed to this document and it should be a valuable resource for all students. There is also a section on anxiety and exam preparation in this document. Any student who is not sure how to start revising should look here first.

The booklet can be found on the school website under 'Student Experience' at the top of the page [Soham Village College - Year 11 Revision \(sohamvc.org\)](https://www.sohamvc.org/Year11Revision) More resources will be added to this page throughout the year.

Students' assembly on Friday 4 October included information and practical advice about how to prepare. Our experience is that students who organise their time in order to revise independently and to target areas for improvement, achieve well and receive the predicted grades they need.

Examination timetables will be given out next week and students should start to revising now if they haven't already.

The results of the mocks will be used to inform the predicted grades included in the college application forms.

If you have any queries or comments regarding the mocks, please contact me directly by email on ESlingsby@soham-college.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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