

November 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 11 GCSE MOCK Examinations: Monday, 30th November to Thursday 10th December 2009

GCSE VOCATIONAL ART & DESIGN EXAMINATION: Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th December 2009

YEAR 11 FOCUS DAYS & CATCH UP DAYS: Tuesday 8th December to Thursday 17th December 2009

Please see the attached timetable for the forthcoming Year 11 formal GCSE Examinations, Mock GCSE Examinations, Focus Days and Catch up Days.

All examinations are very important at St John's. However, the Year 11 Mock Examinations are particularly critical for your child as the results provide an indication of the current performance of your child against his/her GCSE target grades, Target Minimum Grades (TMGs) and Target Challenge Grades (TCGs) The results will help Subject Leaders decide which level of examination paper (Foundation or Higher) students should sit. The experience of preparing for and sitting an intense programme of examinations over a condensed period of time provides invaluable experience for students. It is essential, therefore, that your child prepares thoroughly and does the very best he/she can.

Your child will be expected to attend **all** examinations which he/she is taking. All Year 11 students should attend normal timetabled lessons unless sitting a Mock Exam.

Please ensure that your child is familiar with the attached timetable prior to the start of the programme. He/she will be expected to arrive **promptly** to the examinations which will be held in the **Sports Hall** unless otherwise indicated. The start time and duration of each examination is shown on the timetable.

All examinations will be conducted under formal GCSE conditions (please see enclosed regulations and there will be high expectations of student behaviour during these exams, for example:

- Silence must be maintained from the time of lining up and for the entire duration of the exam.
- Full school uniform must be worn
- **All Mobile phones and digital media must be switched off and handed to the invigilator before entering the examination room.** These will be returned to students at the end of the examination.

Please ensure that your child arrives properly equipped. He/she will need **two pens (black ink only)**, a pencil, a rubber, pencil sharpener and a ruler. Mathematics and Science teachers will advise students about essential equipment for their subject areas, including a calculator, protractor and compasses. Please note that the school is not in a position to lend out calculators to students who are not permitted to share, so failure to bring one could **seriously disadvantage** students.

The Year 11 Focus Days are important as they provide your child with the opportunity to ensure he/she is up to date with coursework and understanding of the course content at this stage of Year 11 and is at least meeting his/ her TMG (Target Minimum Grade).

If you have any questions or queries regarding the above examinations please do not hesitate to contact the Examination Officer (Mr Hall) on the school number (01992 573028) or email him at rhall@st-johns-epping.essex.sch.uk. Any questions or queries about the Focus Days should be addressed to Mr Latchford, Year 11 Year Progress Leader at platchford@st-johns-epping.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Ms G Mason
Assistant Head Teacher



Year 11

Maximising GCSE Performance,

December 2009

Janette Smith
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JOHN'S C of E VC SCHOOL
Timetable for Mock Exams 2009

DATE	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 3 & 4	Period 5
Monday 30 th Nov.	<p><u>P.E.</u> - 1hr 45mins Room - Community Arts START - 8.45am <i>Rebecca Smith to do Geography instead of Periods 3 & 4</i> START - 8.45am <u>Music</u> - 1hr 45mins Room - 43 START - 8.45am</p>	<p><u>Geography</u> - 1hr 45mins <u>Catering</u> - 2hrs <u>French Reading</u> - 1hr 50mins <u>Food Safety</u> - 30mins Room - Community Arts START - 11.05am</p>	<p><u>Product Design</u> 45mins Room - Community Arts START - 2.00pm</p>
Tuesday 1 st Dec.	<p><u>History 2</u> - 1hr 45mins <u>Health & Social Care</u> - 1hr 30mins Room - Community Arts START - 8.45am</p>	<p><u>Media Studies</u> 2hr 30mins Room - Community Arts START - 11.05am</p>	<p><u>History 1</u> - 1hr Room - Community Arts START - 1.45pm</p>
Wed. 2 nd Dec.	<p><u>RE Philosophy</u> - 1hr 30min Room - Community Arts START - 8.45am</p>	<p><u>Product Design Practical</u> 2hrs Rooms - Workshops START - 11.05am</p>	<p><u>French Listening</u> 45mins Rooms - Higher = Comm.Arts Found. = 15 START - 2.00pm</p>
Thurs. 3 rd Dec.	<p><u>R.E.</u> - 1hr - Short Course 1hr 30mins - Option Class 1hr 30mins - Lunch Class (2 Ethics & 1 Philosophy) Room - Sports Hall START - 8.45am</p>	<p><u>English 1</u> - 1hr 45mins Room - Sports Hall START - 11.05am</p>	<p><u>Preparation for Working Life</u> - 1hr Room - Sports Hall START - 1.50pm</p>
Friday 4 th Dec.	<p><u>English 2</u> - 1hr 30mins Room - Sports Hall START - 8.45am</p>	<p><u>Drama</u> - 3hrs Room - Engineering Suite START - 11.05am</p>	<p><u>Drama</u> - Continued</p>

DATE	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 3 & 4	Period 5
Monday 7 th Dec.		<u>Product Design</u> <u>Practical</u> 2hrs Rooms - Workshops START - 11.05am	
Wed. 9 th Dec.	<u>Art (Group 11B)</u> - all day Room - 25 START - 8.45am		
Thursday 10 th Dec.	<u>Art (Group 11A)</u> - all day Room - 25 START - 8.45am		

The following examination is a real examination

Mon. 14 th Dec.	<u>Art & Design Vocational</u> <u>GCSE</u> All day Room - 25 START - 8.45am	<u>Art & Design</u> <u>Vocational GCSE</u>	<u>Art & Design</u> <u>Vocational GCSE</u>
Tues. 15 th Dec.	<u>Art & Design Vocational</u> <u>GCSE</u> All day Room - 25 START - 8.45am	<u>Art & Design</u> <u>Vocational GCSE</u>	<u>Art & Design</u> <u>Vocational GCSE</u>

YEAR 11 FOCUS DAYS:

<p>Tuesday 8th December 2009: Option Block D (11D)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DT Product Design ○ DT Food Safety in Catering ○ French ○ Geography ○ History ○ IT ○ Media Studies
<p>Wednesday 9th December 2009: Option Block B (11B)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art – EXAMINATION ○ DT Engineering ○ DT Catering ○ Humanities ○ IT ○ PE Male
<p>Thursday 10th December 2009 : Option Block A (11A)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art – EXAMINATION ○ Vocational Health & Social Care ○ ASDAN ○ Vocational Engineering ○ Study Plus ○ History ○ IT ○ Music ○ PE BTEC
<p>Friday 11th December 2009 : Option Block C (11C)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocational Art & Design ○ Vocational Engineering ○ ASDAN ○ Drama ○ Study Plus ○ IT ○ Media Studies ○ PE Female ○ RE
<p>Monday 14th December 2009 :</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Product Design EXAMINATION Periods 3 and 4 ○ Art EXAMINATION ○ Mock Exam catch-up
<p>Tuesday 15th December 2009:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art EXAMINATION ○ Mock exam catch-up ○ English coursework catch-up time : RAS, periods 4&5, if needed
<p>Wednesday 16th December 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English coursework catch-up time : RAS, P2,3, & 5 if needed. ○ Drama coursework catch-up time, P2 & 3..
<p>Thursday 17th December 2009:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English Coursework catch-up time, SAN, periods 1,2 & 5, if needed.