

Dear parent/carer,

As you are aware, Year 11 have now completed 2 series of mock assessments. The first round of mock examinations took place in November and pupils were tested on some aspects of the whole GCSE examination paper. Year 11 were issued with their results from the recent Dean Trust mock examinations last week which tested other elements of the content in the subjects that are included in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc). The purpose of this series was to highlight any gaps in learning that can be addressed in the remaining weeks. An added benefit to this round of assessments was that the majority of examination papers were marked by external examiners. Staff have been spending time in class going through the information and developing strengths and areas for improvement.

These examination results have provided staff with an indication of where each pupil is up to in relation to their knowledge and understanding of that particular course component. With the exception of English Language and mathematics, the other subjects sat examinations in components of the course, not the full course. The table below shows this information. Please be aware that in some subjects the components that were examined were different to the components examined during the November mock examinations.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Papers sat in Dean Trust mock examinations</b>	<b>Papers to sit in the final examinations</b>
English Language	2 papers	2 papers
Mathematics	3 papers	3 papers
Combined science	3 papers	6 papers
Single sciences	3 papers	6 papers
History	1 paper	3 papers
Geography	1 paper	3 papers
Spanish	Writing paper	Reading / writing / listening / speaking
French	Writing paper	Reading / writing / listening / speaking
Computer science	1 paper	2 papers

We have been encouraged by the manner in which the majority of Year 11 have responded to these recent results and their enthusiasm to find out how they can improve. Staff are willingly giving their time before school, at lunchtime, and after school to provide additional support.

If you have got any queries about the recent results, please do not hesitate to contact school. If your query is related to a particular subject, please contact the subject teacher / Head of Department. If the query relates to a range of subjects, please contact Miss O'Reilly or Miss Morrison.

It is imperative that we work together to ensure our Year 11 pupils are applying themselves fully so that they achieve their potential in the final examinations. This includes getting to school on time and engaging fully in their lessons. Please continue to encourage your child to attend Study Support sessions which run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

During PSHE lessons Year 11 have been working on their revision timetables and staff have provided information on how to revise. Year 11 should now be in the habit of revising at home. Subject staff are in the process of providing revision lists to help guide pupils through their study plans. If you require any revision resources to support your child, please let us know and we will endeavour to provide them.

## Key dates

We are fast approaching the final examinations and the next few weeks include a number of key dates for Year 11.

Half Term 4 week	w/c	Event / Activity / Other
4	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March – Arts twilight Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March – PE table tennis assessment 3.10-5pm
5	18 <sup>th</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> March – Cronton/Riverside interviews (individual appointments). All day. 18 <sup>th</sup> March – Sports studies canoeing assessment 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – <b>Y11 music composition deadline</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Geography fieldwork
6	25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Technology coursework deadlines</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> March S1 and S2 – English Literature mock Music performance examinations <b>26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 Information Evening for parents/carers (6pm – 6.45pm)</b>

*Please note: Additional twilight sessions may be added by individual subject areas.*

We would like to invite you to a **Year 11 Information Evening on 26<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm - 6.45pm**. This will include information related to revision, the examination season, Easter study, the Year 11 'End of Year Event', and how you can help your child in their final few months at LDA.

The Easter break will include additional study sessions and some pupils will be involved in speaking examinations (pupils will receive individual appointments). The timetable for the Easter sessions will be sent out next week.

The final examinations commence on the **7<sup>th</sup> May – in 5 full school weeks**.

Half Term 5 week	w/c	Event / Activity / Other
1	15 <sup>th</sup> April	Languages Speaking Examination Window (opens during Easter holidays): Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Dance examination
2	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April/Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April: Photography exam Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April /Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April: Textiles exam Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April: PE Practical exam / moderation day
3	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April/Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April: 11D art exam Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May/Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May: 11C art exam Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May: Drama practical exam / moderation day
4	6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May - Written Examinations start and continue through to the 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>GCSE Examination contingency day: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you on the **26<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Year 11