



# Malbank School and Sixth Form College

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14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Re: Year 11 Wave 2 Mock exams details

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to provide you with further details for our plans for the Wave 2 of mock GCSE examinations for year 11. Wave 2 mock exams will take place **from Monday 7th March until Friday 18th March**, this will give students another opportunity for a full mock experience before the summer exam period. At this time there is no indication that the summer exam schedule will not go ahead, the government are fully committed to **exams going ahead with amendments** in summer 2022 - Mr Shepherd will be able to send more details about these when the information comes into school after the 7<sup>th</sup> February. The January BTEC exams are currently underway at school.

As I stated in my previous letters, it is vitally important that pupils fully commit to this process so that we will have reliable assessment data to use for the therapy process and this data will also provide us with secure evidence if we were required to go to plan B of centre assessed grades for student grades. We encourage all our students to attend period 6 sessions as part of their revision schedule.

Students will be receiving a copy of the exam timetable at the end of this half term, and I will be sending out a topics list for the wave 2 exams week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> January.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February we will be running subject clinics for targeted students who are currently working below our expected standards or below their target grades in specific subjects. The key stage team will be liaising with Year 11 teachers to prioritise these meetings.

To prepare your child for the upcoming mocks and the summer exams schedule, we are offering a parental revision evening on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. During this evening it will be an opportunity for us to share the best way to support your child in the lead up to the GCSE exams.

How can you help your child over the next few weeks?

- Ensure that your child fully attends school and takes an active part in the period 6 sessions. Every day lost in attendance reduces their chances of achieving their best.
- Encourage your child to begin revising now and create a quiet space for this.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep, especially during the period of exams.
- Make sure that they are eating sensibly and eat breakfast on the day of an exam.
- Make sure they have all the equipment required for each exam.

The following websites or platforms will also support your child:

Pixl, Doodle, YouTube and Microsoft Teams – accessed via student logins.

BBC bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>

Get revising <https://getrevising.co.uk/>

GCSE – pod <https://www.gcsepod.com/parent-resources/>

Pupils can find GCSEPod by logging in with their 365-school log in via the link below.

<https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

#### Key dates

Subject clinic- invite only- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Parental information evening – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – booking details to follow

Wave 2 exams - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

GCSE Exams 16<sup>th</sup> May- 29<sup>th</sup> June

GCSE results day 25<sup>th</sup> August

If you require any further support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards



Mrs Louise Ratcliffe

Progress Manager for Year 11