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October 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

## **Year 11 Mock Examinations 2018-19**

As you will be aware your child is due to sit a significant number of GCSE examinations this summer. At The Ruth Gorse Academy, we are committed to ensuring that your child reaches their potential; a key part of this involves them sitting mock examinations. This allows students to experience and become accustomed to the formal exam setting and to recognise the organisation and preparation involved in revising for multiple subjects.

Mock exams will take place at two points over the course of the year.

**Monday 12 November 2018 – Thursday 22 November 2018** (all subjects)

**Monday 11 February 2019 – Friday 15 February 2019** (English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science and Modern Foreign Languages)

A full timetable which details exactly when each mock exam will take place is included with this letter. A booster session will take place immediately before each exam which will provide students with the key information they need for success in the exam prior to entering the exam hall.

Your child's teachers will discuss these mock exams with them and recommend different ways they can approach their revision, as well as providing subject specific revision materials as appropriate. Some possible revision strategies which can be used across a range of subjects are included with this letter, so you are able to assist your child with their exam preparation. The Library is available to Year 11 students if they wish to complete revision in school from 7:30am before school, at lunch time, and after the end of the school day until 5:00pm. In addition, students may be required by their class teacher to attend additional revision sessions after school on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The importance of your child's attendance in school up to and during these mocks exams cannot be overstated. All the results will be analysed by class teachers thoroughly to ensure that your child knows exactly what they need to do to improve. Your assistance in discussing their mock exams and supporting their revision is greatly appreciated. At the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 11 December, your child will collect their mock exam results, again mirroring the practice that will take place for their official GCSE results in the summer, before moving onto individual teachers to talk about the results and the next steps in each subject.

Please note that during the mock examinations, students may be required to leave the academy slightly later than 2.45pm if their exam continues beyond this time. We hope that you will understand, if this affects your child, how important it is that students are given the full, allocated time.

Finally, please note that external GCSE examinations will run from **Monday 13 May 2019 to Friday 21 June 2019**; a personalised timetable will be given to students nearer the time. Students will be required to attend school as normal until their final exam during this period. Please ensure that any family holidays are not booked to clash with these dates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at the academy.

Yours sincerely



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**November timetable:** All subjects

Grey boxes are whole Year 11 cohort examinations

Week 1	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AM</b> <i>Booster 8:30 start</i>	<b>English Language</b> 2 hours	<b>Biology</b> 1 hour 15 mins.	<b>Maths Paper 1</b> 1 hour 30 mins.	<b>Maths Paper 2</b> 1 hour 30 mins.	<b>Chemistry</b> 1 hour 15 mins.
<b>PM</b> <i>Booster 12:50 start</i>	<b>Citizenship</b> 1 hour <b>Geography Paper 1</b> 1 hour	<b>French Listening + Reading</b> 35 mins. + 45 mins. (F) 50 mins. + 1 hour (H)	<b>RE</b> 1 hour 45 mins. <b>Business</b> 1 hour	<b>Computer Science Paper 1</b> 1 hour 30 mins.	<b>Geography Paper 2</b> 1 hour 30 mins. <b>History Paper 1</b> 1 hour 45 mins

Week 2	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>AM</b> <i>Booster 8:30 start</i>	<b>English Literature</b> 2 hours 15 mins.	<b>Maths Paper 3</b> 1 hour 30 mins.	<b>Physics</b> 1 hour 15 mins.	<b>Graphics</b> 2 hours <b>RE</b> 1 hour 45 mins	<b>Training day</b>
<b>PM</b> <i>Booster 12:50 start</i>	<b>Home languages</b> (Spanish, Arabic, Greek, Portuguese, Polish)	<b>French Writing</b> 1 hour (F) 1 hour 15 mins. (H)	<b>Geography Paper 3</b> 1 hour 15 mins. <b>History Paper 2</b> 1 hour 45 mins.	<b>Computer Science Paper 2</b> 1 hour 30 mins.	

**Mock examination results at Year 11 parents' evening: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**