

The De Montfort School

**Year 11 Parents'
Information
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Mock Exams

18th - 19th November

Mock Art exam

23rd November – 27th November

Mock exams in core subjects (English, maths, science)

30th November – 4th December

Mock exams in option subjects

It is key that mock exams are taken seriously. This allows staff to assess progress and plan for the lead up to GCSE/Btec exams and will be used in the case of exams being cancelled.

Students must have **all** of their equipment ready for the exam (Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Protractor, Compass, scientific calculator {for the calculator papers}).

Exams Officers

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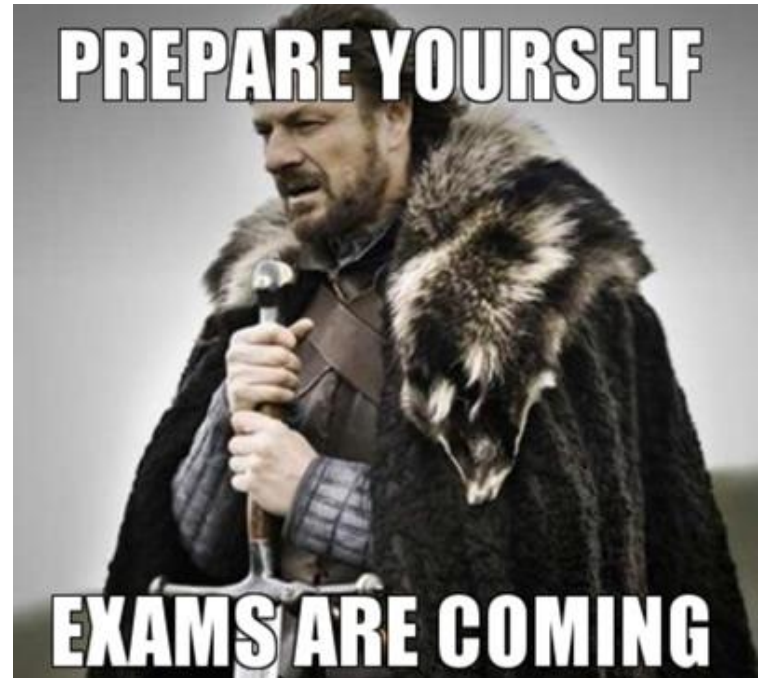
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These have changed from the original calendar dates to allow more time for learning prior to exams



PLAN FOR SUCCESS

- Make sure revision is **PLANNED** – create a Revision Timetable
- Rag-rate exam topics
- Revise weak areas first
- Put in the dates of the exams & other commitments
- Work backwards from these dates, count the days in between and divide between the number of subjects/topics.
- Plan to do at least 1-2 hours per night and increase this
- Split the time into 3 chunks - 20 minute intensive activity then break and repeat
- Plan in rewards and breaks before revising



GCSE Maths

Exam Board: AQA (8300)

2 Tiers

- *Higher Tier (9-4)*
- *Foundation Tier (5-1)*

3 Exam Papers

- **Paper 1** : *Non-Calculator (1Hr 30 mins)*
- **Paper 2** : *Calculator Paper (1Hr 30 mins)*
- **Paper 3** : *Calculator Paper (1Hr 30 mins)*



GCSE English

Exam board: AQA

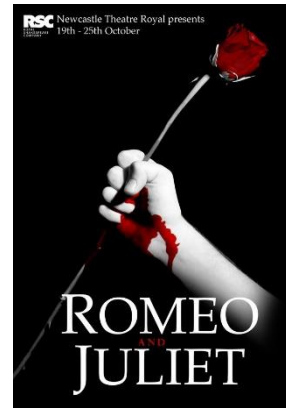
Two exams for English Language
50% reading and 50% writing

Two exams for English Literature
English Literature texts:

*An Inspector Calls**
Romeo and Juliet
A Christmas Carol

In the current climate particularly, it would be beneficial for students to have their own copies of the texts. We provide a PDF of Romeo and Juliet and will be selling affordable copies of A Christmas Carol.

*Texts subject to change, awaiting confirmation from exam board



GCSE Science

Exam board: AQA

AQA Combined Science: Trilogy

Biology
Chemistry
Physics

2 x 1 hour 15 minute papers in each science

Gain 2 x GCSEs at the end of the course

- *Higher Tier (9-4)*
- *Foundation Tier (5-1)*

AQA Separate Sciences (Triple Science option)

Biology
Chemistry
Physics

2 x 1 hour 40 minute papers in each science

Gain 3 x GCSEs at the end of the course

- *Higher Tier (9-4)*
- *Foundation Tier (5-1)*



What can parents do to help?

- Discuss your son/daughter's purpose and motivation to achieve
- Talk about your own and your child's expectations
- Praise and encouragement for practice not talent or ability – success comes through dedication and hard work
- Respond to symptoms of stress with reassurance and help plan in breaks and rewards
- Revision guides can be purchased from the finance office using parent pay online – these will then be delivered to your son/daughter during tutor time (no cash/cheque payments can currently be taken)
- Online support: BBC Bitesize, Seneca, MyMaths



What support is there in school?

- Pastoral support; Form Tutor; Miss Green, Head of Learning; Mrs Green, Senior Intervention tutor
- School nurse – appointment or drop in on a Monday lunch in SG4. Text line: 07507331750
- School counsellor – referrals can be made, please contact Mrs Green for further details
- Mrs Gwinnett, school careers advisor
- Social Work Students – coping with exam stress workshops
- Boosters – starting on 28th September, the full list will be published on the school website and social media
- Google classroom: staff are using this to provide extra learning resources and to set homework. If students are self-isolating or in the event of lockdown this will be vital, so students must be using it now. If parents would like to see what work is being set for their Child on Google classroom, we can set them up as guardians. This will mean that whenever a new assignment is set, the parent is also posted the details to their email account. For further information, email Mr Dolan: tdolan@tdms.worcs.sch.uk

Online support:

- Kooth – mental health support app
- Giveusashout.org – text service to support with anxiety and mental health



GCSE Exams

- All GCSE, Btec and other vocational course exam details for the summer are provisional as the exam boards/JCQ have not yet confirmed anything
- Timetables, amount of exams and all other arrangements are still awaiting confirmation



Final Thoughts

- Use time effectively through a revision timetable
- Always prepare in an **active** and creative way
- Use past exam papers to test ongoing understanding
- Ask for help if needed

