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Dear Parents and Carers

With the Year 11 mocks approaching, we wanted to reach out to share some information with you to help you better support your daughter during this period of written exams, which runs from Thursday 5th November until Tuesday 17th November, with mock exams in Food, Textiles, Fine Art and Photography continuing up to Friday 20th November.

Your daughter will have received her printed exams timetable this week: a copy of this will be also be available to view on Arbor. It is important that she checks this carefully to ensure that all the information on it is correct. The timetable will include exactly where the exams will take place, timings and, for some subjects, tier of entry.

During the mock period, students will attend their normal timetabled lessons in between exams, where they will have the opportunity to revise independently. The learning environment will be conducive to silent, focused revision. Devices such as laptops and tablets will not be allowed, so students need to come prepared to revise with printed materials.

It is important that students are on time to school for every day. Just like the GCSE exams in Summer 2027, exams will start at the time scheduled. If your daughter is not in school on time, she risks not being able to sit the exam. They will still be expected to be in school at 8:40 each morning.

Attached is some additional information for each subject, including where your daughter can find revision resources and which papers she will be sitting.

There is also more information about each subject available on our new school website:

[Newlands Girls' School - Curriculum](#)

Here is a link to find the up to date information regarding exam boards for each subject:

[Newlands Girls' School - Examinations](#)

As we know that some parents/carers were unable to attend the Year 11 Information Evening, here is a link to where the presentation from that evening can be found on the school website:

[Newlands Girls' School - Curriculum](#)

We understand that for many young people, exams can be a worrying time. It is important that they know that this is a normal feeling and that there are resources out there to support them. Here is a link to KOOTH, a great online platform that your child can use to get advice and support with dealing with exam worries and mental wellbeing: [Home - Kooth](#)

On Monday 19th October, we will also deliver an assembly to all of Year 11 to make sure they are prepared for the mock period. This will be an opportunity for them to ask any questions they may have. It is important that they treat these exams like the 'real thing'. This means that they should have the following with them:

- A clear pencil case with the necessary equipment for their exams that day
- A clear water bottle with no labels, writing or images at all
- A calculator for the exams where use of one is permitted

Please emphasise to your daughter the importance of not bringing mobile phones or any other electronic devices into the exam room. This is against JCQ regulations, would constitute malpractice and would have serious consequences such as disqualification, if it was to happen in the summer exams. Likewise, they should not have any notes or revision resources on their person going into the exam.

We are already proud of the efforts and achievements of Year 11 so far this academic year and know that they will continue to work hard and thrive.

Finally, we would like to remind you of other some important dates for your diary:

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October - Wellbeing days – school closed

Monday 2nd November – INSET Day – school closed to students

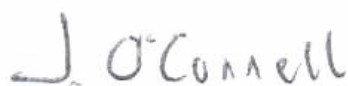
Tuesday 24th November- Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 4th December – Sixth Former for a Day

Monday 7th December – Mock results assembly/PR2 sent home

Friday 8th January – Sixth Form application deadline

Kind regards,



Mr J O'Connell

Senior Link to Year 11

