

2 February 2024

Dear parents and carers

### Mock Exams

After half term, all Year 11 students will be sitting mock exams in the exam hall in English, Maths and Science. This will provide further exam practice mimicking the conditions, stresses and pressures that are going to be present in the GCSE's and providing further experience where students can learn how to cope with the exam experience. Throughout the next term, all subjects will finish teaching their courses and move towards revision. Subjects will be running classroom-based assessments for students to identify their current standard and areas to improve.

### Mock Exam Arrangements

Students are able to study independently at home when they do not have an exam. If a student does wish to study in school, teachers will remain in their timetabled rooms to supervise. Once a student is in school they must remain in school until the end of their last exam. Gates will open 30 minutes before exams start and after afternoon exams, students will go home through the front gate by Deneb.

### Important Exam Information

The following documents can now be found on the exams section of the school website:

[Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable](#)

[Spring and Summer Assessment Schedule](#)

[Summer 2024 GCSE Timetable](#)

The Summer GCSE timetable lists all exams in chronological order. Mrs Howell, our Exams Officer, will provide all students with an individualised timetable closer to the start of the Summer exam series.

### Exams Contingency Day

The awarding bodies have designated Thursday 06 June PM, Thursday 13 June PM and Wednesday 26 June 2024 as contingency days for examinations. The designation of contingency days is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. **All students must ensure they remain available for exams up to and including Wednesday 26th June 2024.**



In the event there is disruption to a day of examinations, the awarding bodies will decide the most appropriate option for managing the impact. As a last resort, the affected examinations will be rescheduled and where students choose not to be available for the rescheduled examination, they will be awarded zero marks for that exam.

### **Webinar Invitation**

As we are now approaching the final months before the actual GCSE examinations, I am going to hold a webinar on **Tuesday 2 February at 18:00** to explain key dates, outline the information and support we provide for the students, and discuss how you can support your young person towards achieving their best in their GCSE's. **[This is the link to join the meeting](#)** which I will send out as a reminder after half-term.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about exams or preparation please contact me, [srolt@carringtonschool.org](mailto:srolt@carringtonschool.org).

Best wishes  
**Mr Rolt**  
Deputy Headteacher

