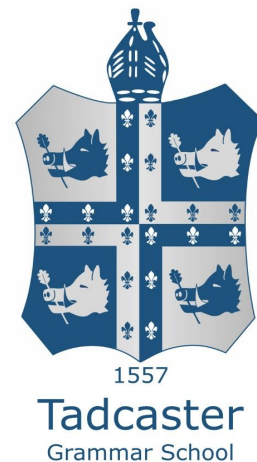


Be Your Best Self

16th October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome to all parents of our Year 11 students.

The challenges for the final year of GCSE's are many and varied - 2020 is no exception along with the added complication of COVID 19. My simple aim as Year Leader for the Year 11 cohort is to keep things as normal as possible as I oversee the wellbeing of all Year 11 students both academically and pastorally. I have been lucky enough, in the first few weeks of term, to speak with a number of parents regarding a range of issues. Can I please ask that you continue to contact the form tutor, myself and Mrs Proctor (Year 11 Pastoral lead), as appropriate, as we work through this academic year?

Firstly, I would like to invite you to our Virtual Year 11 Parents' Workshop. In normal times this event takes place in school, however this year I have overseen the production of a series of presentations to support both students and parents alike. The presentations aim to give you general support and advice for tackling the months to come. You will find an introduction and overview from me covering key dates and information, general revision advice and dealing with stress. The core subjects of Maths, English, Science and RE also share their subject specific guidance. All option subjects offer the same fabulous support. The Virtual Workshop can be accessed through the schools Key Stage 4 'One Stop Shop'.

I would also like to share some information with you regarding the up and coming mock examinations:

The mock exams this year will take place from the 9th-20th November. This is the same time slot as in previous years.

We recognise that there may be additional anxieties this year, given students were not in school for much of the summer term in year 10. Please be assured that subject leaders are considering the content of the papers carefully to reflect the work covered. In addition, a small number of subjects have decided that this is not the most appropriate time for students to be sitting a mock.

We also know that students will be aware that mock exams, along with other evidence, contributed to calculation of Centre Assessed Grades for last year's Year 11 students. We do not know what the future holds for the final exams this year, and so we are all treading a fine line between stressing the importance of mock exams and not increasing the pressure on students.

Mock exams are important for a number of reasons:



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- Students need to be exam ready and understand how it feels to go into an exam hall and focus for up to 2 hours.
- They provide an opportunity for students to start revising; work revised now will not only be valuable for the final exams, but also to aid learning in the coming months.
- Mock exams are a staging post; they provide information to students and teachers about areas of strength and weakness.

We trust you will want to support your son/daughter with their preparation. We have created a website, "[The One Stop Shop](#)", to help guide students (and parents) with their independent study.



For each subject you will see Independent Study Plans. These contain information about the best way to revise in each subject. There are links to subject specific resources and a section which highlights how parents can help. Also within the site are some general revision strategies to help students.

An overview mock exam timetable is included on the next page. When students are not in exams, they will attend their timetabled lessons as normal.

We trust we can count on your support to help the students prepare in the best possible way for the upcoming mocks and for the summer examination series. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Punt
Year Leader - Year 11

Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable - November 2020

Exam Start Time AM: 09:05 PM: 13:15

Wk1 Teaching week	P1	P2	P3	Lunch	P4	Break	P5	P6
Mon 9th		German Reading H - 1hr Main Hall F - 45 mins Boys Gym	German Listening H - 45 mins Main Hall F - 35 mins Boys Gym				German Writing H - 1hr 20 Main Hall F - 1hr 05 Boys Gym	
Tue 10th		Clash Exam - Food 1hr 45 Computer Science 2hrs Start 08:55 Main Hall					Food 1hr 45 Business 1hr 45 Main Hall	
Wed 11th		FSKL English P1 1hr English Lang 1hr 45 Boys Gym & Main Hall					Maths P1 1hr 30 Boys Gym & Main Hall	
Thurs 12th		Biology 1hr 45 Main Hall Science P1 1hr 15 Boys Gym					RE 1 hour Boys Gym & Main Hall	
Fri 13th		FSKL English P2 1hr English Lit 50 mins Boys Gym & Main Hall					Chemistry 1hr 45 Main Hall Science P2 1hr 15 Boys Gym	
WK2	P1	P2	P3	Lunch	P4	Break	P5	P6
Mon 16th		Maths P2 1hr 30 Boys Gym & Main Hall					Physics 1hr 45 Main Hall Science P3 1hr 15 Boys Gym	
Tue 17th		French Reading H - 1hr Main Hall F - 45 mins Boys Gym	French Listening H - 45 mins Main Hall F - 35 mins Boys Gym				French Writing H - 1hr 20 Main Hall F - 1 hour 05 Boys Gym	
Wed 18th		Geography 1hr 30 Main Hall					History 1hr 15 Main Hall	
Thur 19th		Maths P3 + FSKL 1hr 30 Main Hall & Boys Gym					Economics 1hr 45 Boys Gym Sports Science 1h Main Hall	
Fri 20th		Drama 1hr 45 Electronics 2hrs Start 08:55 Main Hall					PE GCSE 1hr 15 Boys Gym Music 1hr 30 Main Hall	