



15th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 will be sitting their first series of mock exams starting on Tuesday 5th November 2024. The mock exams will be a chance to prepare students for their GCSEs next summer and assess their current level.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at The City Academy Bristol. They will also enable students to practice their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision. These examinations will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2025 exam period.

To help students be ready for the mock exams and be successful we ask that you support us and ensure that:

- Students are on time for school and fully equipped for exams.
- Are ready and equipped for their morning exams which start at 09:00am and afternoon exams which start at 13:20pm.
- Students have the right equipment – a see through pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler and calculator.

It is important that the students are aware of the rules for exams as it is their responsibility and could affect their results in the summer if rules are not adhered to:

- Coats, hoodies, hats and scarves are not permitted, students should be in full uniform.
- Phones should be switched off and, in the student's bag,
- Watches and electronic devices (including earbuds/earphones, airpods, smart glasses or any other smart device) should be in the student's bag
- All notes should be in the student's bag
- Only water is permitted, and the label must be removed. If using a reusable bottle, it should be see-through.

During tutor time and assemblies, we will be giving the students lots of help with revision techniques and study skills to make sure that they are well prepared for the mock exams, and they have found the way to revise that works best for them. All students have been given a revision timetable to help them organise their study time and make sure their revision is planned and effective. Students can also make the most of the online resources provided by the school:

Maths watch - <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>
Seneca - [Seneca - Learn 2x Faster \(senecalearning.com\)](https://www.senecalearning.com)

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Pupils will take a minimum of 8 exams which require them to use a calculator. In our experience, pupils who have their own calculator in year 11 are more successful at calculator questions during mocks and the GCSEs. Exam certified scientific calculators can be purchased online via parent pay for £5.

You can find the mock exam timetable below which shows all written exams which will take place during the mock period.

We hope you find this information useful in guiding your child towards their mock exams and beyond.

Yours sincerely

The Year 11 Team at City Academy

Week One Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th November 2024

	Monday 04/11	Tuesday 05/11	Wed 06/11	Thursday 07/11	Friday 08/11
am 09:00		English Lit 02:15	Combined Science Biology, Paper 1, 1:10 Biology Paper 1, 01:45	Geography Paper 1, 01:30 History Paper 2: EEE/Cold War, 01:50	Business 01:45
pm 13:20		Maths Paper 1 01:30	PE 01:00 Psychology , 01:25	Combined Science Chemistry, Paper 1, 01:10 Chemistry Paper 1, 01:45	

Week Two Monday 11th to Friday 15th November 2024

	Monday 11/11	Tuesday 12/11	Wed 13/11	Thursday 14/11	Friday 15/11
am	RS , 01:00 Comp.Science , 01:30 Spanish WF/H 60/75m Urdu WH 85, Bengali WH Panjabi W F/H, 60/75m	English Language 01:45	Combined Science Physics, Paper 1, 1:10 Physics Paper 1, 01:45	Geography Paper 2&3, 01:30 History Paper 1: Crime and..., 01:20	Product and Design 02:00 H&Sc , 01:15 Drama , 01:45
pm	Maths Paper 2	Maths Paper 3 01:30	Spanish F/H L/R Panjabi R F/H Urdu R H, Bengali RH	Computer Science 01:30	

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