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### **Exam Access Arrangements for Year 11 Mock Examinations**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child prepares for their GCSE examinations, we would like to share how the upcoming mock exams will be used to help us identify any potential need for Examination Access Arrangements.

Mock exams are an important part of the GCSE journey, not only for academic preparation, but also for understanding how students perform under formal exam conditions. During this period, staff will observe and gather evidence to assess whether certain arrangements, such as extra time, rest breaks, or the use of a reader or scribe, may be appropriate to support individual students.

Please note that any arrangements trialled during the mock exams are not guaranteed to be approved for the final GCSE exams. Exam Access Arrangements must meet strict criteria set by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), and decisions are based on a combination of observed need, supporting documentation, and professional judgement.

We encourage all students to approach the mock exams seriously, as their performance and experience will contribute to the overall picture of their needs. If we believe further assessment or discussion is required, we will contact you directly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Regards,

Mrs Kate Henshall

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