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To Year 11 & 13 Students and their Parents and Carers,

Year 11 & 13 Exam Session 1 (Internal Examinations / Mocks)

Students will be sitting their first set of Year 11 & Year 13 Examinations during the period of Monday 13 October – Friday 12 November 2025, with the main window being the weeks either side of half term. The specific details are on the mock timetable. The purpose is to provide students with an opportunity to enhance and rehearse exam techniques, test out new revision strategies, experience formal assessments in their chosen GCSE, GCE, Level 2 and Level 3 subjects and find out where their current strengths and areas for improvement lie. It is essential that they are treated seriously. Staff at the College will use the results to help students in the future by targeting support, revision and interventions personalised to each student. The results of these examinations will be given to your child on Thursday 20th November.

We will run this exam period as closely as possible to the formal public examinations your child will sit this summer. As in the real public exams, all students must write in black ink and will need to bring their own scientific calculator to Maths and Science exams (and other option subjects where these are required). They should have at least one spare pen, a pencil and ruler with them, all of which must be held in a transparent pencil case. Specific examinations will require specialist equipment, for example a compass and protractor. Mobile phones and other such devices, including any type of watch, must not be taken into the examination hall. We will be following JCQ regulations as closely as possible as we run these examinations:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/>

A timetable showing all the examinations can be found attached to this letter. Morning examinations will start at 09:00 and afternoon examinations at 13:15. For all morning examinations, students must attend Strong Start at 08:35 where they will be registered by their tutor. For afternoon exams, students should arrive at the venue at least 5 minutes before the examination begins. Year 11 students will also have a pre-exam orientation session as per the timetable which they must attend. Please note that the exams vary in length. When students are not in an examination, they must attend their usual College timetabled lessons. Nearer the examinations, your child will receive a personalised timetable containing specific details. It may be that some examinations finish after the end of the school day, particularly for those students entitled to extra time; please check carefully. If you find any errors, your child should contact the examinations office (exams@eggbuckland.com) in the first instance. It should be noted that seating arrangements are subject to professional advice and evidence and cannot be changed on the day of examination. To support students to maximise their time in the examination, and to not disrupt themselves or other candidates, toilet breaks are not permitted during examinations (unless your Child already has a formal adjustment in place for this).



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Please support your child through this process in any way you can. This might involve helping them find a quiet place to revise, checking that they are focusing on the revision they are doing, talking to them about what they have learned and testing their knowledge. Helping them to understand that preparing for exams does take effort, but does not need to be stressful, would also be helpful. Such support at home can make a significant difference to exam results.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding these examinations, please contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Lyons

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