



# THE SKIPTON ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the first academic half term, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support, work and effort in supporting the three way partnership, between yourself, your child and the school which is integral to ensuring that your child achieves their full potential academically, socially and emotionally. It has been wonderful to see your child back at The Academy, enjoying learning, taking pride in what they are working on and taking active steps to help lay the foundations to a brighter future for themselves.

Mock GCSE and BTEC examinations are held bi-annually for Year 11. These exams provide an essential opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the format and content of GCSE and BTEC papers and give both them and their teachers a clear indicator of current and future academic performance.

The results are used by the school to further identify those who require additional support therefore it is imperative that pupils put 100% effort into all revision and exam performance. This information is used to update your child's predicted GCSE grade and helps determine tiers for entry in certain subjects. Furthermore, the predicted GCSE grade will be requested by sixth forms, apprenticeships and colleges.

We remain committed to ensuring that each student achieves their full potential and it is our view that students should be given every opportunity to prepare thoroughly and effectively for both the mocks and for the real examinations. To this end, The Academy will be running a number of interventions to support both our students and their parents/carers in revising for the examinations. Some of the planned interventions are as follows:

- During Period 4, your child will be spending 30 minutes, three times a week, focusing on English, maths and science.
  - The sessions will support your child to revisit content already taught, to retrieve the information and help to embed it to long term memory
  - The session will help them to hone their exam technique
  - Each student will receive a revision pack with resources and equipment to support their revision.
- In their religious studies sessions, students will be focusing on revision strategies and techniques. They will be taught skills to help manage their mental well-being and shown approaches that are proven to make a positive impact to their mental health.
- Your child has had an assembly launching the revision process and has received key information and has been signposted to key information and support available to them within the academy.
- There is a Showbie class (**Class Code: PAQ3D**), that as their parent/carers you can use with them, which is populated with vital and key information from each subject area. In each subject area you will find items such as:
  - Subject specifications
  - Checklists
  - Past exam papers
  - Useful revision resources



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## **This year's mock examination series will commence on Monday 2 November**

During this time, all Year 11 students will sit mock examinations for English, maths, science and Non-Core GCSE and BTEC subjects studied.

These examinations are an ideal opportunity for your child to experience the preparation and organisation that will be required for next summer's GCSE examinations. It is essential that students prepare thoroughly for these examinations; if they have not already begun their revision, they should do so without delay.

There is **NO** study leave for students during these examinations. If students are not attending an examination, they are expected to attend all normal lessons. Teachers are aware of when students have examinations and will plan accordingly. Where students have clashes, they will be asked to complete any outstanding exams the following week and these will be communicated with students individually.

Please find enclosed:

- An examination timetables. Unless indicated all normal timetabled lessons will continue throughout the exam session.
- A Parent/Student Guide on exams and revision techniques. Please take the time to read this with your child

Please have a look at the examination timetable with your child and ensure that they are prepared for each examination. Your child will have created a revision timetable during their religious studies session by the end of the next academic week, so it is important that they are supported in adhering to this. Your child should be carrying out a minimum of 20 minutes of revision per day, per subject with regular breaks after each session.

The minimum equipment required for each examination is as follows:

- 2 black pens
- A calculator, pencil, ruler, rubber, protractor and compass set
- A clear pencil case for the above

Students are allowed to bring a bottle of water into the examination, but the wrapper will need to be removed. No other items are allowed into the examination venue.

Please do not hesitate to contact me ([j.khalil@theskiptonacademy.co.uk](mailto:j.khalil@theskiptonacademy.co.uk)) if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter. Finally, we wish all pupils in Year 11 the very best of luck with their mock examinations. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable half term break. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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### Mock Exam Timetable

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 5	Lesson 6
<b>Monday 2nd Nov</b>	<b>Engineering</b> Yr 10 & 11 1hr 8.55am – 9.55am	<b>Maths Yr 11</b> 1hr 30mins 10.25am - 12.05 <b>Lunchtime</b>		<b>English Language Yr 11</b> 1hr 45min 1pm – 2.45pm <b>Home time after the exam</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>French Yr 11</b> Reading 1hr 8.55am – 9.55am	<b>English Literature Yr 11</b> 1hr 40mins 10.15am – 11.55am <b>Lunchtime</b>		<b>Maths Yr 11</b> 1hr 30mins 1pm – 2.30pm <b>Home time after the exam</b>	
<b>Weds 4th Nov</b>	<b>Enterprise</b> Yr 11 50mins 8.55am – 9.45am	<b>Geography Yr 11</b> 1hr 15min 10.10am – 11.25am <b>Return to lesson 3</b>	<b>Health &amp; Soc Care Yr 11</b> 2hrs 10.10am 12.10	<b>Science Yr11 (Biology)</b> 1hr 15min 1pm – 2.15pm <b>Return to lesson 6</b>	
<b>Thursday 5th Nov</b>	<b>Science Yr 11 (Chemistry)</b> 1hr 15min 8.55am -10.10am	<b>Geography Yr 11</b> 1hr 15min 10.50am – 12.05 <b>Return to lesson 3</b>	<b>French Yr 11</b> Writing 1hr 15min 1pm – 2.15pm <b>Return to lesson 6</b>		
		Art – Year 11 All Day			
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Science Yr 11 (Physics)</b> 1hr 15min 8.55am -10.10am	<b>History Yr 11</b> 1hr 20min 10.45am – 12.05 <b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>French Yr 11 Listening</b> 1hr 1pm – 2pm <b>Return to lesson 6</b>		

**Please Note:**

- There will be no study leave during this week – if you are not timetabled to be in an exam, then you must go to your normal lesson.
- If you have additional exam arrangements, you will receive a personalised exam timetable with any adjustments
- Any catch up or clashes of exams will be arranged in the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.