

15 February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you with an update about preparations in advance of your child's GCSE exams in the summer term.

Spring mock exams

Students in year 11 will be completing a mock exam series in the weeks beginning Monday 7 March and Monday 14 March. These mock exams will provide us with information about your child's knowledge and understanding in all subjects which will inform our planning in lessons and interventions before final exams commence. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that your child is well prepared, well rested and attends promptly each day of the exam fortnight.


Advance information from exam boards

You may be aware that all exam boards have now released advance exam information to students, parents and schools. This advance information details arrangements that have been put in place by Ofqual for Summer 2022 to support students and make exams fairer for them and includes information about the focus of the content of exams, designed to provide guidance for revision for students ahead of summer exams. This information can be accessed on our website (via a purple button labelled *Advance Information*) or at: <https://www.outwood.com/advance-information>

Please be aware that the advance information does not tell students which questions will appear on the exam paper. It does provide information about which parts of the specification are worth the most focus. A good, broad understanding of all the content of the specification is always the best preparation for success in an examination.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Robinson
Head of School