



October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Trial Exams: Monday 20 November to Friday 1 December 2023

As you are aware, Year 11 students will be sitting trial examinations for two weeks beginning Monday 20 November. Attached you will find an overview of the timetable for these trials; an individual timetable detailing seat numbers and any clashes will be issued shortly. Students are already being prepared for these trials in class and through home-learning, and this will continue throughout the period leading up to the examinations. All teachers will ensure that students know what the examinations contain and how to revise for them; please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher through the admin@ashlyns email address if your child is unsure.

If your child is entitled to access arrangements, these will be in place during the trials. Our Exams Officer, Mrs Dolt, and her team, will meet with students entitled to access arrangements prior to the examinations and talk through the arrangements with them.

To prepare for their trial examinations, students should be working through an independent revision timetable at home. We would suggest at least two hours per day on home-learning and revision during this time. Guidance is given by their teachers in class and via Google Classroom around what topics to cover in addition to the list sent out to parents and carers before half term. If students find constructing a revision timetable and working through it challenging, there is help and support available in our supervised study session, Session 6, in the LRC, Monday to Thursday, 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Mr McDonald and Mr Roberts are available to help with revision during these sessions. Session 6 does not run during the trials period itself. We will issue further guidance, including information relating to possible study leave, closer to the exams.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement at home; the trial exams are an important opportunity for students to practise navigating the exam and access arrangement protocols, and to assess the progress made across the GCSE course in advance of the final examinations next summer.

Yours sincerely

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