



DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



18th October 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of our Mock examination schedule and the free tuition which we are providing to all of year 11 students. I believe that it is extremely important to emphasise the importance of these November examinations and the next round of Mocks that will take place in February/March. As I am sure you are fully aware, examinations were cancelled in the UK in 2020 and 2021 and teachers were required to submit “teacher estimates” that were accepted as the final grade for each student in the 2020 GCSE results. The Government have made it clear that examinations taken in 2022 were slightly easier and this was reflected in the reduced grade boundaries. We have received notification that this will not be the case for the 2023 examinations. Therefore, it is vital – more than ever before - that they do their absolute best in their Mock examinations and prepare accordingly. This will ensure that any gaps in their learning is identified early enough for it to be addressed by their subject teacher. The exams will be more difficult in 2023 than this year’s examinations and it will be harder for pupils to meet their expected standard.

I will be delivering an assembly to the year group after half term where I will be outlining some useful revision strategies and the importance of these exams. I am taking this opportunity to reiterate that message to parents so that we can work together to ensure that they do themselves justice in these exams.

I enclose with this letter:

- A full mock examination timetable
- A timetable of our Year 11 Revision Classes for the October HT
- A timetable for the lunchtime drop-in sessions

Your child should be revising now. At least 1 hour each evening and 3-4 hours on a weekend. We have also used government funding to employ mentors in Maths, English and Science. These mentors will be working with students in school. They are employed up to 4.30pm each evening and on Saturdays. As I write this letter several students are working hard in the conference room at their lunchtime Maths drop in session!

At the recent parents evening we provided your child with revision cards, post it notes and highlighters to aid them in their revision. We have also supplied them with copied revision guides when they were in Year 10. A revision timetable can be downloaded from the year 11 page on our website <https://www.darwenvale.com/year-11>.

We really want to do everything we can to ensure that this year group are not disadvantaged by the amount of schooling they have missed due to the pandemic. It is not fair that they have missed so much school and will still face really challenging exams but that is the situation we find ourselves in. We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to close any gaps in their learning and ensure that they are prepared.

Can I thank you for your support in advance. If you have any further enquiries regarding Year 11 revision or mock examinations please contact me in school.

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Cull
Vice Principal



Saturday School timetable – September – December 2022

	9.00 – 10.30	10.45 – 12.15	12.30 – 1.30
24 th September 2022	Higher Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Foundation Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Maths Drop in Miss Boffey – 216
	Foundation Tier Science	Higher Tier Science	Triple Science
1 st October 2022	English Pathway 6-8	English Pathway 3-5	
8 th October 2022	Higher Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Foundation Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Maths Drop in Miss Boffey – 216
	Foundation Tier Science	Higher Tier Science	Triple Science
15 th October 2022	English Pathway 6-8	English Pathway 3-5	
22 nd October 2022	Higher Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Foundation Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Maths Drop in Miss Boffey – 216
	Foundation Tier Science	Higher Tier Science	Triple Science
29 th October 2022	English Pathway 6-8	English Pathway 3-5	
5 th November 2022	Higher Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Foundation Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Maths Drop in Miss Boffey – 216
	Foundation Tier Science	Higher Tier Science	Triple Science
12 th November 2022	English Pathway 6-8	English Pathway 3-5	
19 th November 2022	Higher Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Foundation Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Maths Drop in Miss Boffey – 216
	Foundation Tier Science	Higher Tier Science	Triple Science
26 th November 2022	English Pathway 6-8	English Pathway 3-5	
3 rd December 2022	Higher Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Foundation Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Maths Drop in Miss Boffey – 216
	Foundation Tier Science	Higher Tier Science	Triple Science
10 th December 2022	English Pathway 6-8	English Pathway 3-5	
17 th December 2022	Higher Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Foundation Tier Maths Miss Boffey – 216	Maths Drop in Miss Boffey – 216
	Foundation Tier Science	Higher Tier Science	Triple Science