



# The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Headteacher: Edward Gaynor

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming Mock Examinations for Year 11 students that will take place between 3-16 December. We are doing all we can to prepare your child for these and it is important that they take them seriously. We will use Mock Examination data to assess potential gaps in students' learning which will help to inform us where interventions are needed. In the last academic year, Mock Examination data played a big role in assigning Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs). Currently we are not expecting to use the CAGs but we want to make sure that we have the most up to date and reliable data for your child.

Currently, teachers are working with students on revision activities, past examination paper practice and extended writing practice. At home, students should spend at least one hour on the range of different revision resources which includes GCSE Pod, Mathswatch, Tassomai, as well as their class notes and workbooks to enhance their learning. It is important that students are well prepared for these exams and have revised fully.

For each of the mock examination days, students must be punctual and be in full school uniform with all appropriate equipment including a see-through pencil case and black pens. Please ensure that your child is at school by 8:30 am for a prompt start. They will need to wear a face covering until they arrive in the examination hall. Once in the examination hall, they have a choice to either keep or remove their face covering at that time. All personal possessions will be left with the invigilator, which includes mobile phones that are switched off and smartwatches. In line with our guidelines, students are not allowed to leave the exam room before the finish time of the examination.

When students are not in mock examinations, they are expected to attend their normal lessons. Please find attached a copy of the mock examination timetable. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following staff:

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Yours sincerely

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