



Friday 21st October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 – Grade Indicator Exams Information

The next set of Grade Indicator Exams (Mock Exams) start on **Monday 21st November** and will run for two weeks. These exams will inform the predicted grades used for Sixth Form applications. It is therefore important that students start to prepare now and plan a revision schedule.

When do the exams start?

Exams start on **Monday 21st November** straight after the half-term break. **Morning exams start at 9:00am**. Students will need to arrive at school by 8:15am at the latest and be lined up at 8:30am. This will ensure a prompt start to the exams. Students that are late will not be allowed into the exam hall for the first 10mins as it will disturb the thinking and planning of others. All exams are sat in full school uniform.

Do the students have study leave?

No. Normal lessons will run for any students not sitting exams. Staff will use this time to help prepare the students for exams and cover the required content. However, if an afternoon exam finishes before 3pm students will be allowed to leave the site via the Lukin Street entrance.

Are there extra intervention sessions running?

Yes. Some staff are running sessions for their classes over half-term. Students will need to attend in full school uniform and normal school rules apply. They will need to arrive at Lukin Street entrance on time where their teacher will meet them. They will not be able to gain entrance to the school if they are late. They will need to bring the appropriate equipment.

In addition, there are afterschool sessions running in the weeks preceding the exams and school students have access to work every Saturday in school from 9:30am to 11:30am. They must be in full school uniform. The next Saturday session is on 5th November.

What equipment does my child need?

All students should have a black pen, pencil and ruler. These may be in a clear plastic pencil case. Please ensure your child has a scientific calculator as these are also required for some exams such as Mathematics and Science. Students are not allowed electronic devices such as mobile phones or digital watches. If they are found to have them in their possession this will lead to disqualification. If your child wants to bring a water bottle it must be clear plastic with no label.

What if my child is ill?

If your child is ill, please follow the usual school procedures and phone the school on 0207 0791 9500. We will make arrangements for any student who is absent to sit the exam at a later date.


When is the Sixth Form Open Evening?

The Sixth Form Open Evening is on Tuesday 22nd November at 4:30pm. Students and parents are encouraged to attend and speak to staff about the choices available in the Sixth Form.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact me mfarrow@bishop.towerhamlets.sch.uk or the Head of Year.

We wish your child every success in their Grade Indicator Exams.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M Farrow', written over a horizontal line.

Mr M Farrow – Deputy Headteacher