



30th November 2021

MOCK RESULTS AND YEAR 11 VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENING

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to invite you to attend our virtual Parents' Evening on Tuesday 7th December, 4:00pm – 7:00pm. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievement to date. As you are aware, students have completed a suite of mocks and these are in the process of being marked and moderated.

On the morning of the 7th December, students will receive their mock grades, in a formal event in the auditorium. This means you will have their full set of mock grades ready for parents' evening, in order to inform clear next steps for your child in each subject. Please note that the mock grades issued on the morning of 7th will be purely for the papers sat during the 2-week examination period. The reason for this is for students to gain a realistic view of how they have performed in an exam setting, as they will in the real exams next year.

Your child's teachers will discuss both the mock results and their overall performance with you. A full progress report will be issued in December. This will include a holistic report of overall achievements in each subject so far.

Booking appointments online

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will continue to use an online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. We are confident this will be an effective alternative to our normal face-to-face appointments and welcome any feedback.

Appointments can be made from 30th November at 4pm and will close on 7th December at 10am. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://ellesmerepark.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. Login with the following information:

Student's First Name Student's Surname Tutor Group
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If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf. It is important that we have the correct email for you. Please also inform the school office if there is change of email so that we can ensure you can access the correspondence needed for booking.

Below is a link to an online tutorial on how to attend your video appointments

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

YEAR 11 'MAXIMISE YOUR POTENTIAL'
REVISION SKILLS SEMINAR & PARENT EVENT
Thursday 13th January: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

In order to provide further support before your child sits their GCSE examinations, we would like to invite you and your child to attend a GCSE 'Maximise Your Potential' evening on the 13th January starting at 5pm. Please arrive by 4:50pm.

The aim of the **Maximise Your Potential** evening event is for you and your child to receive key supporting guided revision information for all subjects and learn the key proven revision strategies to aid their preparation for exams. There will be a presentation to explain how your child can utilise the pack and how you can support your child in structuring their independent learning in the lead up to their GCSEs.

There will be an opportunity during the evening to meet with departmental representatives who will provide additional insight into the specific requirements of the examinations, how to achieve the best grades and to explain the resources for revision and how best to utilise these at home.

I will send out a further reminder immediately after Christmas with a reply slip to confirm attendance at the event.

Current government plans for GCSEs in summer 2021

At present exams in 2021 are scheduled to take place, although it is important for parents, carers and students to be aware that *should* there be a further announcement and cancellation to exams next year, teacher assessed grades will replace exams. If this be the case, ongoing performance and in school assessment will form the evidence used to reach a final grade in each subject and it is therefore key that students prepare for all in school assessments. Please be assured that there will also be lots of further opportunities, through ongoing assessment, for students to demonstrate their learning and it is our aim to fully support all students at all times.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A St John

Deputy Headteacher