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Co-op Academy
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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Year Ahead

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our pupils on their focused return to the Academy after the summer holidays. Year 11 pupils have made a great start to their final year in formal education. Over the past 3 weeks, we have raised the bar in terms of expectations - in work ethic, focus towards striving for excellence and ensuring that all opportunities are seized where possible and that they have an action plan to work towards gaining the best possible results in the summer examinations.

We have two formal mock examination windows in Year 11. These are important milestones for our pupils, to apply their skills, knowledge and understanding under examination conditions. After each set of examinations, pupils will meet with a senior teacher to discuss their specific development needs - whether that being gaps in knowledge, developments needed in examination techniques as well as general revision support and advice.

Mock 1 Examinations: Monday 7th October to Wednesday 23rd October 2024

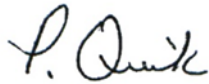
Mock 2 Examinations: Monday 27th January to Thursday 13th February 2025

Can I please stress that from this Summer's results we were again reminded that attendance has a direct impact on attainment, therefore we strongly recommend that no holidays are booked for Year 11 pupils due to the intensive nature of the final year of all the GCSE and vocational qualifications being studied. Students with above 95% attendance this Summer performed significantly better than students who had less than 95% and the decline as attendance dropped below 90% was very significant.


Additionally, excellent attendance and attainment will be key to allowing pupils to secure the post-16 place in a pathway of their choice. Our Careers team will be working closely with all students throughout the year to ensure that all entry requirements are fully understood on the various pathways available. We have found a shortfall in places being available for leavers if their attendance and attainment falls below expectations of 95%. Please support the academy to prepare your child for making the next steps in their educational journeys by stressing the importance of attendance and the impact on attainment.

The provisional calendar for the summer GCSE examinations will be sent to parents as soon as all dates have been confirmed by the examination boards. We have included the October mock timetable below so you can support revision to these important exams.

Yours sincerely,



Phill Quirk
Headteacher

 Co-op Academy Falsworth		Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable Mon 7 Oct – Wed 23 Oct					
Date	Periods 1 & 2	Break	Periods 3 & 4	Lunch	Family Time	Period 5	Period 6
Mon 7 Oct	English Language (Paper 1) – 1Hr 45					Citizenship (Paper 1) – 1Hr 45	
Tue 8 Oct	Maths (Paper 1) – 1Hr 30 (Non-calculator)		French Reading & Listening F=1Hr 20 / H = 1Hr 45 L2 and L4			History (Paper 2) – 2Hrs	
Wed 9 Oct	English Language (Paper 2) – 1Hr 45					History (Paper 1) – 1Hr	
Thur 10 Oct	Maths (Paper 2) – 1Hr 30 (Calculator)		Geography (Paper 2) – 1Hr (Calculator)				
Fri 11 Oct	Science Biology - 1Hr 45 Combined Biology - 1Hr 15 (Calculator)		Geography (Paper 3) – 45 Mins (Calculator)				
Mon 14 Oct	English Literature (Paper 2) 2Hr 15 (extended break) →					Spanish Reading & Listening F=1Hr 20 / H=1Hr 50 (L2, L4 and Sports Hall)	
Tue 15 Oct	Science Chemistry - 1Hr 45 Combined Chemistry - 1Hr 15 (Calculator)		Health & Social Care – 2Hrs (break after exam) Construction – 1Hr (ICT Rooms)				
Wed 16 Oct	Science Physics - 1Hr 45 Combined Physics - 1Hr 15 (Calculator)		Re – 1Hr 45 (Paper 2) Computer Science – 1Hr 30 (Paper 1)				
Thur 17 Oct	English Literature (Paper 1) – 50 Mins		Enterprise & Marketing – 1Hr 15 (Calculator)				
Fri 18 Oct	Computer Science – 1Hr 30 (Paper 2)		Creative iMedia – 1Hr 30 Drama – 1Hr 45				
Mon 21 Oct	Maths Paper 3 – 1Hr 30 (Calculator)		Creative Design – 1Hr 30 Food Prep & Nutrition – 1 Hr 45				
Tue 22 Oct	French and Spanish (Writing) F – 1Hr 10 / H – 1Hr 20		Music – 1Hr 30 (Drama Studio)				
Wed 23 Oct	Catch up session Art Practical →		Catch up session				

ALL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ACADEMY SPORTS HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
SOME EXAMS START DURING FAMILY TIME (PLEASE CHECK THE TIMETABLE)
FOR SOME P5&6 EXAMS YOU **MAY** BE LATE LEAVING SCHOOL.

IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT FOR EXAMS

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU A CLEAR PENCIL CASE CONTAINING :-
BLACK PENS, PENCIL, RUBBER, 30CM RULER, COMPASS, PROTRACTOR AND HIGHLIGHTER PENS.

PLEASE ALSO BRING WITH YOU A SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR FOR ALL CALCULATOR EXAMS LISTED ABOVE