



10 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you are well and had an enjoyable festive period. It only seems like yesterday when I wrote to you before regarding the first set of mock examinations.

The second set of mock examinations are now fast approaching and to prepare the students fully for these set of examinations, please see information below that will help them. These examinations are extremely important in the building process towards the real ones in the Summer and will give the students and the teachers a good indication of the progress that is being made and the gaps still to fill.

Seneca

As a school, we have signed up to a platform called Seneca. This is a great website that enables students to complete task that have been set by their teacher but also to revise a range of different topics with each subject. If your son/daughter hasn't signed up to this, please encourage them to go to the following website- [Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 \(senecalearning.com\)](https://www.senecalearning.com) and use their school log in details to sign in.

Sparx

The maths department have introduced a new revision website to the students called Sparx. The website is www.sparxmaths.com. Their username to log in is their first name then their last name, with no spaces- bobsmith. Their passwords have been set up with their teacher in class. This another fantastic resource for students to use in preparation for the exams. If you have any issues, please contact Mr Murphy (Head of Maths) at k.murphy@arkalexandra.org

Mock Exams

The mock examinations have played an important part in determining the student's final grade in the past two years. Whilst we don't anticipate that again this year, we must be prepared for any uncertainty.

Over the coming weeks, the students will have lessons in revision techniques, including how to create a revision timetable. They have been given their mock examination timetable, which will show the dates and times of their exams. However, please do support them in planning their revision timetable. Please also help them to revise by testing them on key topics, asking them questions or simply by motivating them to revise.

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Due to the busy schedule for these mock exams, we are going to be sending the students home once the afternoon exam has finished. This means that they will be leaving site from the Parkstone Road entrance according to the exam finish time on the attached timetable. However, if they are not involved in an exam, then they will be doing their normal lessons and finishing at 3:15pm.

Mock Exam Timetable

See below for a copy of the mock revision timetable. Please do print this off and stick it up around specific points in your house as a reminder. These are a full set of mock examinations, meaning that all subjects who have an exam in the summer will be on the timetable and in the exam hall. These will also be full exams, meaning that they will match the real ones in the summer in terms of the potential content that is in the exam.

Uniform for Mock Exams

To make the students feel more comfortable during their exams, we have decided to allow them to wear their PE kit whilst sitting any exam. If, however, they prefer wearing their school uniform, then they are free to do so.

Whatever they chose to wear, they must be in the correct uniform according to our uniform policy.

PE Kit- Blue PE t-shirt, Blue tracksuit bottoms, blazer, trainers.

School Uniform- Blazer, shirt, tie, shoes, trousers/skirt. **No Hoodies or Leggings**

Revision Guides

Students should now have revision guides for all their subjects. If they have received one, please ask your son/daughter to speak to their teacher.

School Website

For further information and revision materials, please go to [Revision | Ark Alexandra Academy](#). These resources will help your son/daughter with their revision, not only for the February Mocks but also for the Summer exams.

Important Dates

Summer examinations start- 9th May 2022

Summer examinations finish- 23rd June 2022

Examination Contingency Day-all students will need to be available- 29th June 2022

Leaver's assembly/Prom- 30th June 2022

If you have any questions, please contact either me at g.morris@arkalexandra.org or Miss Clark (Head of Year) at s.clark@arkalexandra.org

Kind regards



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