

23 October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly, a big thank you for contributions and efforts during our first half term of this academic year. Whilst this is a challenging time for the entire country our initial indications around engagement in lessons and quality of work in books shows a great deal of promise for students.

The below information maps out the key events during next half term and what we know about the remainder of the year.

Mock Examinations

Series 1: Monday, 9 November 2020 to Friday, 20 November 2020

The purpose of these examinations is to ensure your child has a comprehensive understanding of the course and to allow all teachers, parents and students to identify how they can improve before final GCSE examinations in the summer. I have made it very clear to students that this should not be a stressful period of time, we simply need to see an improvement as we move through the year towards their target grades.

The importance of your child's attendance in school up to and during these mocks examinations cannot be overstated; this includes being punctual at the start of the school day. All the results will be analysed by class teachers thoroughly to ensure that your child knows exactly what they need to do to improve as they progress towards the real GCSE examinations later this academic year, so it is essential that they do not miss out on this vital information. If your child has to self-isolate during the two-week mock period and is well enough to work, then they should continue to follow their mock examination timetable. The examinations will be available on Google Classrooms and students should complete them at the times allocated on their timetable. A member of staff will be online during every examination to ensure all students can access the papers.

	Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
AM Start 09:00	Maths Paper 1 Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.30am	English Language Start: 9.00am Finish: 11.00am	English Literature Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.45am	Science Paper 1 (Biology) Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.15am or 10.45am for triple	Maths Paper 2 Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.30am
PM Start 13:10	Geography Paper 1 Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.40pm History Start: 1.10pm Finish: 3.10pm		EPR Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.55pm	Computer Science Paper 1 Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.40pm Hospitality Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.25pm	German and French Reading Start: 1.10pm Finish: 1.55pm(F) or 2.10pm(H)

	Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
AM Start 09:00	Science Paper 2 (Chemistry) Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.15am or 10.45am for triple	Maths Paper 3 Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.30am	Science Paper 3 (Physics) Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.15am or 10.45am for triple	Citizenship (Year 11) Start: 9.00am Finish: 10.45am	German Listening (Auditorium) Start: 9.00am(H) or 9.50(F) Finish: 9.45am(H) or 10.25(F)
PM Start 13:10	German and French Writing Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.10pm(F) or 2.25pm(H)	Geography Paper 2 Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.40pm	Drama Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.10pm DIT Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.40pm	Health and Social Care Start: 1.10pm Finish: 3.10pm	French Listening (Auditorium) Start: 1.10pm(H) or 2.00pm(F) Finish: 1.55pm(H) or 2.35pm (F) Computer Science Paper 2 Start: 1.10pm Finish: 2.40pm

We know that resilience is key. To recognise our students that show brilliant resilience, we will be purchasing a leavers hoodie for every student that has 100% attendance during the entirety of this mock examination series. This includes those students that are self-isolating that complete all of their examinations / remote learning set during the November mock period. We will send a letter to eligible students after the mock examinations window to allow them to select the colour and size for their hoodie.

Students will receive their November mock exam results on Tuesday, 1 December 2020. Our last year 11 cohort did not sit their examinations and instead were awarded Centre Assessed Grades. The results achieved in this November mock series were pivotal when we were deciding what grades to assign.

College Applications

College applications are now open, Elliot Hudson College and Leeds City College will be presenting to all students and we are awaiting others during next half term. Students need to be making direct applications to providers on their website and the academy will provide details within references. We are encouraging students to apply to more than one provider to ensure that they have options in August 2020. A page to assist students and parents in the process will be added to our website before half term.

Miss Jones, our new Careers Advisor, and Miss Smith will be taking a lead on this work, if you have any questions please get in touch.

Other Opportunities

I am incredibly proud of students on a daily basis and know that if they maintain this level of dedication and continue to attend the wide range of revision and enrichment opportunities after school, then they will be very successful. With Catch Up lessons coming to an end this week, we have created a revision schedule for next half term to ensure that students still have the opportunity to work with subject specialists after school.

Revision session	Day	Staff	Time	Location	Invite only/open to all
Drama Rehearsals	Monday	Mrs Sheldon	16:00 - 17:00	DS1	Open to all
Music	Monday	Miss Albaya	16:00 - 17:00	T238	Open to all
English	Tuesday	Miss Hart	15:10 - 15.40	T226	Invite only
English	Tuesday	Mrs Murdie/Miss Stoba	15:10 - 15.40	T227	Invite only
English	Tuesday	Mr Washington/Ms Vaughan	15:10 - 15.40	T204	Invite only
English	Tuesday	Miss Parsloe/Ms Laurie	15:10 - 15.40	T205	Invite only
History Revision	Tuesday	Mrs Courtman	15:10 - 15:40	A301	Open to all
Geography Workshop	Wednesday	Mr Sheedy	15.10 - 15.40	TBC	Invite only
Maths 11a1	Wednesday	Mr Shell	15:10 - 16:10	TBC	Open to all
Maths 11a2	Wednesday	Mr Porter	15:10 - 15:40	TBC	Open to all
Maths 11a3	Wednesday	Mr Denton	15:10 - 15:40	TBC	Open to all
Maths 11a4	Wednesday	Miss Pickering	15:10 - 15:40	TBC	Open to all
Maths 11b1, b2	Wednesday	Mrs Masterson	15:10 - 15:40	TBC	Open to all
Maths 11b3, b4	Wednesday	Mrs Castelow	15:10 - 15:40	TBC	Open to all
Maths 11c band	Wednesday	Miss Sunderland	15:10 - 15:40	TBC	Open to all
EPR	Wednesday	Miss Lupton	15.10 - 15.40	T133	Invite only

History Revision	Wednesday	Mrs Kitson	15:10 - 15:40	A301	Open to all
Business	Wednesday	Miss Hawkridge	15:10 - 16:10	M204	Open to all
History Revision	Thursday	Mr Vickers	15:10 - 16:10	A302	Open to all
Product Design	Thursday	Mrs Heath/ Miss Speck	15.10 - 16.10	A102	Open to all
Hospitality	Thursday	Mrs Heath/ Miss Speck	15.10 - 16.10	A102	Open to all
Art	Thursday	Miss Monaghan	15:10 - 16:10	A201	Invite only
Geography Revision	Thursday	Mr Gumbley/ Miss Allenby	15.10 - 15.40	M304	Open to all
Science - Triple	Thursday	Science teachers	15:10 - 16:10	B106	Invite only
Science - Higher	Thursday	Science teachers	15:10 - 16:10	B104	Invite only
Science Foundation -	Thursday	Science teachers	15:10 - 16:10	B103	Invite only
German Foundation -	Thursday	Ms Noble	15:10 - 15:40	B202	Open to all
German - Higher	Thursday	Mr Downes	15:10 - 15:40	M310	Open to all
French	Thursday	Miss Coombes/ Miss Chadwick	15:10-15:40	B208	Open to all
Computer Science	Friday	Mr Walker	15:10 - 16:10	TBC	Open to all
DIT	Friday	Miss Ward	15:10 - 16:10	TBC	Open to all

In addition, students will be allocated compulsory revision classes to attend from January to the Summer examinations. This has proved very helpful over the last 6 years to students, we will be once again offering refreshments through the Revision Café from January.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child is well prepared in their final year at The Farnley Academy. If you have any concerns regarding the mock examinations or support for your child in their preparations, then please contact us at info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully



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