## **Langley Grammar School**

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Dear Parent



Timetables for the December Year 11 GCSE Practice Exams have recently been issued to all Year 11 students. An overview is available on the school website (Teaching & Learning > General Examinations Information > Year 11 December Practice Exams); students have individualised versions which show the date, times and location of each exam.

The Practice Examinations in December form an important part of your students' preparation for the final GCSE examinations in the summer. In the unlikely event that GCSE Examinations are cancelled, evidence from these exams would contribute towards Teacher Assessed Grades. Subject teachers will be assuming that students will take the Practice Examinations seriously; the outcomes will influence the level of support and intervention during the rest of the course and may be used when making recommendations to students about future study after Year 11.

Students will need to plan their time carefully over the coming weeks. Study leave will be granted for all Year 11 students for the period of the examinations i.e. from Monday 4 December to Thursday 14 December inclusive. Students will be expected in school 15 minutes before their first examination each day. They are free to leave school after their last exam each day. Study space will be provided in school for students to use between exams. They should ensure they use this time to revise thoroughly, treating the mock examinations as they would treat the "real thing" as far as possible.

Please note that if your son/daughter needs to arrive in school early, or stay in school after their final exam, we must know in advance. Please advise us using this <u>link</u>.

The Practice Exams are organised to mirror the conditions of the real exams in the summer. Students are expected to be familiar with:

- 1. The general JCQ guidance regarding behaviour and conduct in exams a copy is available on the school website. We encourage you to read this guide with them, so they are not penalised unnecessarily in the summer.
- 2. The LGS Exam Guidance booklet, available on their iPad and also the school website
- 3. The practical arrangements for this particular set of exams, which includes where bags and valuables can be stored. For your information, this information is also available on the school website and a copy attached with this letter.

If you have any further questions about the exams, please contact me via the school email school@lgs.slough.sch.uk. Alternatively, you may contact the Phase Leaders (Mr Pascall and Mrs Haynes) using the same email address.

Yours sincerely

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