



November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware **Year 11 trial exams are taking place from Monday 13 to Friday 17 November** and I am writing to you with important information about this week. Students have been told this information in assemblies and tutor time and a PowerPoint with key information can also be found in their Frog assignments.

Students have been issued with their individual timetable this week which has details of each exam they will sit, the location of the exam and their individual seat number. They should bring this timetable with them during the trial exam week so they can check the details of each exam that day.




We run trial exams as close as possible to the way the summer exams are run in May - June. This means there are very high expectations regarding conduct in the exam rooms. These expectations are there to ensure that all students have the best possible exam experience and do not disadvantage themselves or others. In the unlikely event of external exams being cancelled in Summer 2024, these trial results could form part of teacher assessed grades, which also means that these high expectations about conduct must be adhered to.

**It is very important that students arrive each day with the equipment they need for each exam.** Students have been told what this equipment is and if they are unsure, they should ask their tutor and/or class teacher. It is important to be aware that there will not be enough spare equipment to lend it to students who come without the required equipment.

**What you will need:**

- a clear pencil case 
- at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable 
- an approved calculator for relevant exams 
- appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams 
- a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label 

**What you cannot take into exams:**

- any type of phone 
- revision notes 
- any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches) 

If you require financial support to purchase this equipment, please contact mailbox@backwellschool.net.

The school day will have different timings so we can facilitate full length papers in all examined subjects. Students will still have some lessons in which they can do revision during this week and so should **bring revision materials to use in these lessons** during trial exam week.

Students will be issued with their trial exam results on Thursday 7 December during tutor time.

Many thanks for supporting your child through this important stage of Year 11 and should you have any concerns or further questions, please contact your child's Head of House who will be able to advise. For subject specific queries please contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clara Mason".

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