



**Moorside
High School**

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students,

It has been so pleasing to see that increasing numbers of our Year 11 students are now accessing the extensive intervention sessions that are available to them. These sessions include breakfast workshops, lunchtime and after school revision classes and Saturday School. If you are unsure what intervention sessions are available, please do visit the school website, where these can be found. Students have been given a hard copy of the sessions.

During registration time, all Year 11 students are currently taking part in extra English and Maths retrieval and exam practice sessions. To enable these sessions to be more targeted in Maths, focusing on different topics for students working towards the Foundation or Higher tier content, we will be regrouping the students during registration from next week. Students will be registered in their Maths sets but will remain attached to their original form groups and houses for attendance, behaviour for learning grades and rewards points.

The second series of mock exams are taking place directly after the half term break, starting on 28th February and spanning the following two weeks. All students have been given the mock exam timetable and a copy of this is also available on the school website. The arrangements for the exams are the same as those which were followed for the November mock exams.

Exam start times are 8.40am and 11.05am. It is imperative that students arrive at school on time and attend registration before being escorted down to the examination venues for the first exams of the day. For the exams which take place after break time, students should assemble at the exam venues immediately after the bell sounds for the end of break. Students will not go to their usual classrooms; they will be registered in the examination venues.

All phones (switched off) and watches must be placed in the students' bags/coats. These will be securely stored in the Fitness Suite for the duration of the exam. This is a requirement for the external examinations as set out from the Joint Council for Qualifications, so it is important that we replicate this for the mock exams.

All students have been assigned the same seat for all their exams and we hope that this will allow students to get seated quickly to ensure a smooth start to the exams. Students will be provided with an equipment pack, although students are welcome to bring their own see-through pencil case with equipment. Students should bring their calculators for exams where they are allowed. We do have some spare calculators, but it is much more beneficial if students use the calculator that they are familiar with.

Students who are eligible for access arrangements, will receive the same arrangements that they can expect in the summer. If you have any concerns or questions around the access arrangements, please do contact the school SENDCo on MHSsendco@consilium-at.com

For some of the exams, there will be a pre-exam workshop which will be available to all students from 08.00 to 08.30 each day. These sessions will help focus the students for their upcoming exam and allow them to ask any last-minute questions. Students will be informed when and where these will be taking place and reminders will be placed on social media.

Students now have three weeks to prepare themselves fully for these important exams which will provide an indication of their current attainment levels. The results will also provide teachers with the information they need to plan and prepare lessons which address gaps in the students' knowledge and allow them to focus on the correct areas of revision in the lead up to the exams in the summer.

A copy of the Summer 2022 Exam Timetable can be found on the school website.

We recognise that some students are feeling apprehensive about the examinations and may feel under pressure in the coming months. Whilst there is a lot of hard work ahead it is important that the students are supported both at school and at home. We will do our utmost to ensure that our Year 11 students have the ideal conditions in which to flourish and be successful.

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Please see below information from Mr Farmer regarding the Mock Interview Day.

Y11 Mock Interview Day - Friday 18th February 2022

Y11 students are invited into school in smart office attire to have their mock interview with a volunteer from the world of work or education.

Students are asked to come into school in form groups – timings of the interview groups are below:

Group 1 - 11EH	09.00 – 09.20
Group 2 - 11EM	09.20 – 09.40
Group 3 - 11JH	09.40 – 10.00
Group 4 - 11JM	10.00 – 10.20
BREAK	10.20 - 10.45
Group 5 - 11LH	10.45 - 11.05
Group 6 - 11LM	11.05 - 11.25
Group 7 - 11PH	11.25 - 11.45
Group 8 - 11PM	11.45 - 12.05

Y11 students are asked to arrive at school 10 minutes before their interview to ensure they can collect their CV and be ready. The interviews will last around 15 minutes, after which students will be able to go home. Students will receive feedback sheets from their interview after half-term. The interviews are nothing at all for students to be worried about; it is a chance to practice their skills ahead of future 'real' interviews!

All students have been asked to prepare a CV ahead of the mock interview day – this needs printing and returning to form teachers by **Tuesday 15th February 2022**. Mr Farmer, Careers Adviser, is available to support students with completing CVs after school by appointment – Y11 students should see Mr Farmer in school to arrange.

Thank you for your continued support,



Miss C Smalley

Deputy Headteacher - Quality of Education