

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations continue in school next week

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well in the run-up to the Christmas break after a long and sometimes frustrating term.

I am writing to you today in order to update you regarding our current situation with Covid-19. We have conducted extensive work with Public Health England and Birmingham Local Authority to review the number of positive cases across the academy since 26/11/20.

We have witnessed a rise in positive cases over the last two weeks. This is for both staff and students and affects all year groups other than year 11, who currently have no positive Covid-19 cases.

I would like to thank you all for your diligence and precautionary measures that you have taken to ensure that your child stays away from school if they have had Covid-19 symptoms. Your dedication to the cause has ensured that we have been able to keep Year 11 in school as much as we possibly can; I know that both students and staff have appreciated this enormously.

As a result of no confirmed Covid-19 cases in year 11, **school will still be open to Year 11 students next week for their mock examinations only**. This is to ensure that they can continue their **Mock Examinations** in school to support them in what is such an important year. Along with this letter, you will find the **Mock Examination Timetable** which your child will be able to use to see when their examinations occur this week. Students should only come into school for their Mock Examinations; they should come into school for morning examinations as normal, in school uniform and, if they have no examinations in the afternoon, should go straight home to work; online lessons will be provided as per their normal timetables.

Should your child have an afternoon examination, they should stay in school, where lunch will be provided for them and they should leave immediately after their afternoon examinations. Should your child only have an afternoon examination, they should work from home in the morning and participate in their online lessons and come into school in the afternoon. Year 11 staff will be working in school as normal to provide online lessons should your child need to discuss their work with them.

I know that as supportive parents and carers, you will remind your child of the importance of keeping focused at this time and treating their Mock Examinations seriously. Their Mock Examinations are a key part in our strategy to maximise your child's performance in the summer examination series.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, commitment, and dedication to Fortis Senior Academy. Rest assured that we are doing all we can to increase your child's life chances and staff at school have been working extremely hard to facilitate this along with you all at home.

I look forward to seeing Year 11 students in school next week for their Mock Examinations and seeing them enjoy the successes that their grit, hard work and resilience, will bring.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2021.

Yours faithfully



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