



KING EDWARD VI SHELDON HEATH ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

As you are doubtless aware your child is going to be sitting their GCE/GCSE/BTEC exams this academic year. Achieving the best possible grades in these exams will support your child in having the best opportunities in life, whether this is further and higher education, the world of work or further training. To support students in achieving their personal best in the summer exams, students in Year 11 will be sitting mock exams in the subjects they are currently studying between Monday 12th January to Friday 13th February. Mock examinations help prepare students to achieve the best possible grades in formal examinations by:

- presenting students with the opportunity for exam practice;
- helping students identify the areas of their course that they need to improve upon;
- helping teachers identify and thus make available, any support students may need.

For all examinations:

- All students are expected to be at the Academy promptly and in full uniform.
- Students who are taking a morning exam must go directly to their Intervention class on arrival to the Academy at 8.15am.
- Students who are taking an afternoon exam must be on the playground by 12:50 pm.
- Students who have an afternoon exam that finishes after 2pm, will be allowed to go home at the end of the exam (unless they are in detention).

Please note that it is against exam regulations for students to have any written material on their person or electronic equipment with them during an exam, so it is even more important that you discourage your child from bringing into the Academy items like mobile phones, watches, smart watches, earphones, iPods, MP3/4 players, etc. Mobile phones should be stored in the students' bags in their Yondr pouches. Students will not be allowed to take any of these unauthorised items into an exam room. There will be serious consequences for any students attempting to take such items in an exam room.

For your information, a copy of the examination rules as set out by exam boards are available on our website. If there are any further queries regarding these exams, or any other aspect of your child's exams, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy at examsinfo@keshacademy.com.

We wish all students every success.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B. Collister

Assistant Vice Principal

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