



March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 students are in their penultimate term of their GCSE studies and next week they will all sit another mock examination in their core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. The intention is to give the students another practice in these subjects under exam conditions and in the exam hall. Students have been preparing for these exams in class and are expected to continue to revise at home using the resources they have been shown. This includes GCSE revision guides and past papers alongside accessing online resources signposted to them via subject Firefly pages.

Individual timetables are accessible online via your child's Firefly account or a timetable can be found on our website, link can be found below. All students are expected to attend normal lessons when not in an exam.

Mock exam timetable link - <https://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Y11-March-2024-Mock-Timetable.pdf>

For the English exam, students have been informed of the following information to support their revision.

English Literature Paper 1 (An essay question on Macbeth and an essay question on either Sign of Four or A Christmas Carol – depending on what they have studied) and the English Language is Paper 2 (non-fiction).

These exams will provide a significant marker in supporting your child and the school in knowing what they can answer well and where they need to do more practice due to knowledge gaps. It is vitally important that your child has good routines for revising and these should already be established habits that enable them to do daily recall and practice for their subjects. Please ensure you help them to follow a strict revision schedule after school as this will strengthen their GCSE success and Post 16 progression.

If you need further information or advice about supporting your child during their GCSEs then send an email to school@friern.barnet.sch.uk and we will be in touch.

Yours faithfully

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