



THE BULWELL ACADEMY

Year 11 Success Bulletin

20 October 2023: Preparing for Mocks!



Dear Parent/Carer

Get ready! Be prepared! Mocks – here we come!

There are 109 school days or 545 lessons before the first whole cohort GCSE exam.

There is exactly one month before our 2024 Year 11 cohort sit their first Mock Exam.

Year 11 students are now working toward their GCSE examinations. This year represents the most important phase in your child's life to date. The quality of their GCSE results will influence their experiences throughout their lives, long after they have left The Bulwell Academy.

We are determined to ensure that our students achieve the very best grades they are capable of and, throughout the course of the year, we will be implementing a range of interventions to support your child in this.

Research suggests that students attaining a one grade improvement in each of their subjects can increase lifetime earnings by £200,000. In addition to this, attaining good GCSE grades opens up more routes for your child improving their life chances and getting the jobs they desire and deserve.

The Bulwell Academy is committed to driving improvement and attainment in Year 11 and, as a part of this commitment, we offer a range of support for our students.

SAVE THE DATE: 9 NOVEMBER

The 2023 GCSE exams will be a defining point for your child's future, and we want to ensure that they have every possible opportunity to do their absolute best. With this in mind, we would like you and your child to attend our 'Year 11 Success' evening on **Thursday 9 November, 4pm to 6pm**.

Last year this was our best attended evening in the school calendar. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with parents and students telling us it gave them clarity on the importance of GCSEs along with practical ways to support their children to be successful during this year – also, the fish and chips helped! So, put the date in your calendar!

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Come along for...

Information on the importance of GCSEs
Practical advice and support on revision strategies

Opportunity to ask questions
and find out about the
excellent support on offer.

Free revision and
stationery resources

Revision tips and online help to
prepare you for your mock exams





EXPERT TUITION FOR MOCKS!

Join us! After-School Masterclasses

16 TO 17 NOVEMBER

THURSDAY Science: Biology
FRIDAY History: Paper 1

20 TO 24 NOVEMBER

MONDAY Maths: Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)
Geography: Paper 1
TUESDAY English Language
French Listening
THURSDAY Science: Chemistry
Sociology
FRIDAY Maths: Paper 2 (Calculator)
French Writing

28 TO 30 NOVEMBER

TUESDAY English Literature
Drama
WEDNESDAY Science: Physics
French: Reading
THURSDAY Geography: Paper 2



In Subject Areas, 3 to 4pm

Good luck!

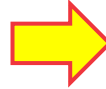
Mock Exams Booklet

Today Year 11 have received their **Mock Exams Booklet** ([click here to view online](#)) which includes the Mock Exams Timetable, revision techniques, tips for success, topics to revise and links to revision resources. It also includes the timetable of Masterclasses – as shown on the left.

Masterclasses (Please consent)

Before each Mock Exam, your child will be able to attend a Masterclass delivered by our subject experts, giving your child the confidence to be successful in their exam.

Please complete the online form below to ensure your child can attend ANY after-school Masterclasses this year:



<https://forms.office.com/e/FMstuVJqjR>

SAVE THE DATE → October Half-Term Success Sessions

Y11 HALF-TERM MASTERCLASSES



All invited

9.30am to 12.00pm

MONDAY
French
Science



TUESDAY
Drama, Geography
Exam Anxiety Workshop




WEDNESDAY
Maths
Exam Anxiety Workshop



Free Pizza

12.00 to 12.30pm

Early preparation is essential for success in the GCSE examinations. Our October Half Term Success Sessions have been extremely well attended in the past and have contributed to whole grade improvements.

The deadline for submitting the online consent form for your child to attend the October Half-Term sessions is 12 noon today:  <https://forms.office.com/e/1k9psueRu8>

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