

Mock examinations are an important part of our **Year 11 support and preparation programme**. They provide students with valuable opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding, practise examination skills and become familiar with the routines and expectations of formal examinations.

Mock examinations also provide the school with important information that helps us to **identify strengths, address gaps in knowledge and target support effectively** during the remainder of the academic year.

Our mock examinations are used to:

- **Monitor academic progress:** Mock examination outcomes provide a clear indication of each student's current attainment and help identify areas where further support or development may be required.
- **Inform teaching and intervention:** Teachers use the outcomes of mock examinations to review and adapt their teaching plans, ensuring that remaining curriculum time is focused on the knowledge, skills and examination techniques students need to develop further.
- **Prepare students for the summer examinations:** Mock examinations help students become familiar with examination routines, expectations and the support available to them.

Year 11 Mock Examination Windows

Year 11 students will participate in **two mock examination series** during the academic year:

- **November – Mock Examination Series 1:** A particular focus on English and mathematics.
- **January – Mock Examination Series 2:** All examination-based subjects.

The dates of the mock examination series can be found within the **Year 11 Roadmap to Success**. A full list of mock and summer examination dates can be found on the examinations page of our school website:

[The Ilfracombe Academy – Exam Information](#)

Students will receive an **individual examination timetable** in advance of each mock examination series and the main summer examination season.

We will communicate mock examination outcomes with parents and carers throughout the academic year, ensuring that you are kept informed about your child's progress.

Our **Year 11 Parents Evening** takes place **after the January mock examination series**. This timing is deliberate: it allows mock examination outcomes to inform meaningful conversations between students, parents/carers and teachers about the final stages of preparation for the May and June examinations. The exact date can be found on the **Year 11 Roadmap to Success**.

Supporting Students During Mock Examinations

The exam regulator JCQ expect students to **complete summer examinations** in all but 'exceptional circumstances' (this does not include routine illness). It is important that we collectively understand this and build resilience throughout year 11. We would subsequently strongly encourage every parent/carer to promote and support 100% attendance to mock examinations.

If your child is unwell or unable to attend a mock examination, please **contact the school at the earliest opportunity through the normal communication channels**.

Parents and carers can play an important role during mock examination periods by encouraging students to **go the extra mile with their independent revision**. Supporting students to establish regular revision routines, make effective use of revision resources and attend all examinations will help them gain the maximum benefit from the mock examination experience.

Our shared aim is for every Year 11 student to complete every mock examination, use the experience to identify how they can improve, and approach the summer examinations with confidence and a clear understanding of what they need to do to succeed.