

Abingdon School 5th Year Mocks

January 2018

January Results

- * Often tests just part of GCSE – may not have coursework or other papers as part of grade.
- * Have a tentative predictive value.
- * Mocks now form valuable revision document – reveal gaps and issues with technique. Still time.

January Results

- * Criteria for 6th form used to identify those not doing so well (3A,4B or number equivalent). Letters & Learning Support.
- * Each year a number of boys 'raise concern' at this stage; reduces to c.5 by August.
- * Most boys improve their grades significantly (by working!).
 - * E.g. 2017 mocks vs real
 - * 66% A*/A mock turned into 86%
 - * 30% A* in mock turned into 60%
 - * +1 grade perfectly 'achievable' (but doesn't come by magic)
- * Supervised Study on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Next Steps

- * 2 weeks to half term, 6 weeks to Easter, 2 weeks of Summer = 10 teaching weeks. Study Leave begins Friday 4th May.
- * Make use of this time – identify and plug gaps; USE teachers, use clinics.

Clinics

| 5th form clinics 2018 | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Week A | | Week B | |
| Subject | Time(s) | Location(s) | Time(s) | Location(s) |
| Biology | Monday 4-5pm | Breakout space outside S102. | Monday 4-5pm | Breakout space outside S102 |
| Chemistry | Monday P8 | S304 | Monday P8 | S304 |
| D&T (DMH) | Tuesday P8 | T70 | Tuesday P8 | T70 |
| D&T (DMH) | Thursday P8 | T70 | Thursday P8 | T70 |
| Electronics | Tuesday P6 | S207 | Tuesday P6 | S207 |
| English | Tuesday and Thursday P6 | Tues - G201 Thurs - B6 | Tuesday and Thursday P6 | Tues - G201 Thurs - B6 |
| French | Monday P8 | B1 | Monday P8 | B1 |
| Geography | Tuesday P6 | G105 | Tuesday P6 | G105 |
| German | Monday 4-5pm | B12 | Monday 4-5pm | B12 |
| History | Friday P8 | G205 | Friday P8 | G205 |
| Latin | Tuesday P6 | G209 | Tuesday P6 | G209 |
| Mandarin Chinese | Tuesday 2pm-2:45pm | B15 | Tuesday 2pm-2:45pm | B15 |
| Maths | Friday 4 - 5pm | M116 | Friday 4 - 5pm | M116 |
| Physics | Friday P8 | S201 | Friday P8 | S201 |
| Physics | Thursday P6 | S206 | Thursday P6 | S206 |
| RS | Tuesday p6 | M102/103 | Tuesday p6 | M102/103 |
| Spanish | Thursdays P6+ P8 | B3/B5 | Thursdays P6 + P8 | B3/B5 |

Easter Break

- * Crucial for revision – boys decide their grades at this time.
- * Recommendation of 90 hours of revision
 - * 24 days = 576 hours. 16% of time.
 - * 8 hours sleep! = 384 hours. 23% of time.

For the most important set of exams they have so far taken.
First set that appear on CVs, UCAS forms etc. No AS in L6th.

Organising Easter Revision

- * Must plan what will work for you – but must plan.
- * How to get to 90 hours? E.g. for three weeks of holiday
 - * Take weekends off
 - * Weekdays have 3x3hr sessions with breaks (9-12.30, 2-5.30, 7-10.30)
 - * Do 2 per day.
 - * 2 sessions x 3 hours x 5 days x 3 weeks = 90 hours
- * This may not work for you, so replace it with something that will. Failure to plan ...

Nature of revision

- * It's an **active** process. Just sitting and turning the pages of a book is almost useless.
- * **What works:**
 - * Re-reading source material *whilst re-making notes*.
 - * Consolidating and boiling down notes to triggers.
 - * **TESTING** knowledge and skills against PPQs, TEST, TEST and then TEST again.
 - * Keeping a list of things to clear up on return – use of teachers/clinics etc.

Nature of revision

- * Attention span of c.1 hour for any one topic/activity?
- * 3 hour session should therefore have multiple elements to it with a small break in between. Note-taking, test question, note-taking.
- * Either in one subject, or multiple subjects.
- * Avoid distractions – where is the TV, the phone, the iPad? Is bedroom the right space?

Summer Term

- * 2 weeks of teaching. Get your remaining questions answered.
- * 3 weeks of clinic support:
 - * Voluntary
 - * Matches times of working day
 - * Can come in and out at break times
 - * Can also be in supervised study

Exams

- * Train and Pace yourself – it's a marathon not a sprint.
- * Ideally do nothing the evening before exams – let your brain rest and re-order things. Maybe look over some key prompt cards.
- * RTQ, ATQ. Know what the success criteria are.

Post Exams

- * No formal requirements once exams are finished (except book return!)
- * Many will take on work experience.
- * Have a break.
- * Perhaps have an eye on AL subjects – do some reading?
- * Make sure that Abingdon is the place you want to be at for 6th form. Volunteers.

Beech Court: Sixth Form Centre & Library

