

Lowton Church of England High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Dates for your diary

November 2019 Mock Examinations and Spring/Summer 2020 Mock & GCSE Examinations

Year 11 Mock examinations will start on Tuesday 26th November and end on Wednesday 11th December 2019. Please note Friday 29th November 2019 is an Inset Day and school is closed to students.

Year 11 Spring Mock examinations will be held during March 2020.

The summer 2020 exams may seem like a long way away, but we need to share information with you to avoid any issues during the summer.

During the spring term students will be sent individualised timetables that will highlight when their exams will take place. The summer written (formal) exams take place throughout May and into June 2020. Art, Drama, Music and PE performance exams take place prior to written exams starting.

The GCSE written examinations start on Monday 11th May, until Wednesday 24th June 2020, this period includes the GCSE contingency day which has been arranged for "GCSE and /or GCE examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2020 examination series."

A GCSE contingency day comes following recent national tragic events, namely the Manchester attacks, and the Grenfell Tower fire. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) decided that they needed the option to postpone an exam in the event of a national incident and rearrange for a later date to allow all students an equal chance.

The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is **Wednesday 24th June 2020**. This means candidates must be available to sit exams from Monday 11th May until Wednesday 24th June 2020. This is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

Please can all parents and carers make a note of the GCSE examination dates. It will be common and completely understandable for many families to book holidays in June and July as prices will be lower. However, it will be devastating for a student to miss out on a good grade after working hard for five years because they might be absent from a GCSE examination.

Yours sincerely

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