



# Joseph Leckie Academy

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

## RE: Year 8 Mock Exams-Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

As you are aware, Year 8 is a key time for students at Joseph Leckie Academy, not least because they will be opting for their GCSE and vocational subjects in the coming months. In preparation for this decision and to ensure that they are developing their preparedness for formal examinations, we are holding five mock examinations for all year 8 students on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. These will be an opportunity for all Year 8 students to take formal examinations in the Sports Hall, where they will take their GCSEs in coming years. This will also be a good opportunity for us to establish where your child is, in terms of the knowledge and skills application they have developed with us over Years 7 and 8. The timetable for these mock examinations is outlined below. All students will be taking the same subjects.

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<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>Y8 KS3 Science Exam</b> 1 hour 249 Students Sports Hall 10am start			<b>Y8 KS3 Geography Exam</b> 1 hour 249 Students Sports Hall 1.45pm start
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y8 KS3 Technology Exam</b> 50 mins 249 students Sports Hall 9am start		<b>Y8 KS3 History Exam</b> 1 hour 249 students Sports Hall 11.15 start		<b>Y8 KS3 French Exam</b> 45 mins 249 students Sports Hall 1.45pm start

We want all students to take these examinations seriously as they will be an opportunity to show us their abilities and will influence options and setting for them in Year 9. There will be examinations and assessments in all other subjects held across this week and the week after half term, although these will be held in lessons rather than in the Sports Hall.

All students are expected to comply with examination expectations in exactly the same way that they would be if these were formal, external exams. They will have a reminder PowerPoint delivered by form tutors in their form time this week about these expectations and Mr Greaves is speaking to them in assembly, regarding these examination regulations so all of them are well-versed on examination expectations. However, if you would remind them of the importance of a few key points regarding this, that would be very helpful. There can be no mobile phones, watches, non-clear pencil cases or non-clear drinks bottles of any sort in the examination room at any time. Students will leave all coats, bags, mobile phones and any equipment not required for the examination in their lesson classrooms before the



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examination, where they will be stored until the end of the exam. Students will be provided with all equipment needed to complete the examinations, so they need not bring anything into the exam room at all. It also goes without saying that poor behaviour is against examination regulations and silence must be observed at all times in the examination room.

If students are found breaking any of the examination regulations above or those set out in the JCQ guidelines, also published on our Academy website, they will be sanctioned according to JCQ exam regulations. This can range from exclusion from future exams, a zero grade for that examination or all examinations in the series or further Academy sanctions dependent on the severity of their misconduct.

I know we can rely on you for support with your children, in regards to these exams, and that you will reinforce their importance and the importance of revision and preparation with your children.

If you have any questions about this or require anything clarifying, please feel free to contact me at the Academy.

Kind regards,

Joe Greaves  
Assistant Principal



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