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**Mr D Cooper
Principal**

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Dear student/parent,

This year the College's Year 11 Examination Period commences on Thursday 23rd November. During this time students take either practice written exams based on the final examination in the summer or controlled assessments that form part of their GCSEs. Science will have exams scheduled in the new year when students will do a national practice paper that is being moderated and used against students countrywide.

We believe year 11 practice exams are an important preparation for the GCSE exams that are taken in the summer. They aim to replicate the actual exams as far as possible and are subject to the same rules and regulations as the GCSE exams. Therefore, no electronic device/mobile phones/wrist watches/bags can be taken in to the exam venue.

In addition the results achieved by students help the College to identify areas for development and allow us to target students for the most suitable placement in intervention groups. This will maximise the students' chances of achieving the best grades possible in the final examination series in June.

The controlled assessments are a component part of the final GCSE mark and represent a minimum of 25% of the overall mark.

As with the final examination process students will not be told by their teachers the grades they have achieved but will receive their grades in a sealed envelope on Wednesday 10th January in the main school hall. They will however, be given feedback on the papers prior to Christmas to enable them to focus their work on these areas.

If you have any queries regarding the exam procedure, please contact the exams officer at the following email address: sjenkins@bassingbournvc.net

Please find a copy of the timetable overleaf.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Jeremy Brock
Deputy Principal