

YEAR 11 BULLETIN

CARING - DETERMINED - REFLECTIVE

MAKING THE MOST OF MOCK EXAMS

Mock exams should be seen as helpful rather than stress inducing.

They give students a consequence free dress rehearsal for the real GCSE and can give both the students and the teachers essential information.

As parents, it is important to help your child mentally 'frame' the mock exams. No one expects a rehearsal to go perfectly, and it is exactly the same with mock exams.

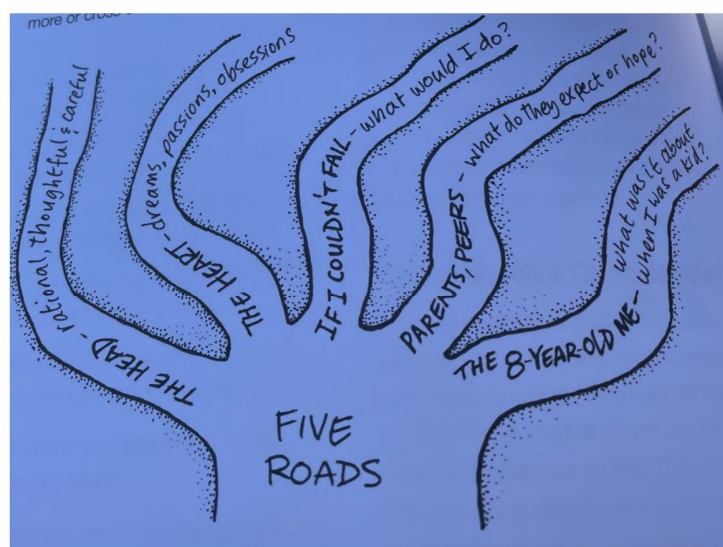
So what does the mock exam provide?

1. An opportunity to try and refine different revision techniques to find out which ones work the best.
2. Information about which bits of each course are secure and which bits need further work - both in class and at home.
3. A chance to find key knowledge gaps and fix them.
4. A chance to go through the exam process so that students don't feel panicked in the Summer.

GCSE MINDSET

This week, students are going to be imagining themselves at a crossroads with five possible ways forward: each way forward represents a possible choice for them next year. The aim of this activity is to make these choices clearer. That way you can objectively review your options, which is the first step in making a good decision. They shouldn't feel a decision has to be made yet - it doesn't. But knowing what options are in play are always helpful.

They will use the diagram to think about what may lie at the end of each road.



Ask your son or daughter about their diagram. Which roads might need support from you?