



CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

Reflecting on Mock Exams- A Guide for Students

Opening mock exam results is a daunting experience, but is nothing compared to how you will feel when opening your real GCSE results in the summer!

It is important to use this experience of the mock results to help you to move forward in your final term and a half of year 11 and ensure that you get the best grades you are capable of.

Some of you will have been happy with your results, while others will be disappointed. Some of you may have done better than you expected, and a number of you may know that you did not do as well as you could have.

In any situation, it is important to **USE** these mock exams to help you prepare for the real exams in July.

Below is a suggested step-by-step approach to how you can use the mock exams to your best advantage.

1. **Identify why you got the results you did** (either positive or negative) First identify what you did well. How can you build on this to ensure that you continue to do well in the run up to the real exams? Don't get complacent at this late stage!
2. **Identify areas of weakness.** This could be particular subjects or could be more generally across all or most of your exams. Was this because you didn't work hard enough? Was it because you struggled with understanding how to revise? Was it because you don't understand the subject? Be truthful with yourself in identifying why you did not do as well as you expected.
3. **Seek help!** Once you have identified your target areas, you need to have conversations with your teachers- find out exactly what you need to do to improve, ask for additional work and support. Teachers will be more than happy to help you. Other sources of help: PPMs, Head of School, PSAs, Heads of Department.
4. **Speak to your parents.** Involve your parents in the process- what can they do to help and support you at home?
5. Finally, make sure you **learn from your mistakes** when preparing for the real exams and put maximum effort into your revision and study.

Some useful websites and resources:

http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/Strategies_for_Success_Handbook.pdf

http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/STUDY_SKILLS_Parent_Flyer.pdf

<https://www.goconqr.com/en/gcse/revision-tips/>

<https://www.gcsepod.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z98jmp3>



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