



13th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 13 mock examinations

Further to the mock examination timetable recently sent out to parents, please find below arrangements for Year 13 mock examinations in January 2023. The purpose of the January mock examinations is to provide both students and teachers with information regarding students' academic progress including their current understanding as well as any gaps in their knowledge across all subjects. It is imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously both in terms of their preparation and conduct.

Students will undertake full mock examinations from **Monday 9th January 2023 until Friday 20th January 2023**.

Study leave

We have taken the decision to allow study leave for Year 13 students during their mock examinations. Study leave will enable students to have additional time at home to revise during the morning in preparation for their afternoon exam. This is only applicable for students who have an exam in the afternoon. Students are not expected to be in the community at this time but at home to prepare for their examinations. Students are also welcome to use the facilities in school to revise including the SP4L and Sixth Form centre.

JCQ regulations

During the mock examination series students will be adhering to the JCQ regulations. As per examination regulations, students must write in black biro and store all equipment in a transparent pencil case. Students are required to bring all of the subject specific equipment they are required to use in their examination. Regarding electronic devices, in particular mobile phones, these must not be in the possession of the student nor inside the examination room; all such items must be handed in prior to the exam. Under DFE contingency guidance, following the examination marking, student exam papers can be shared with students during feedback lessons but must remain in school.

Further support

If students are ill during the mock period they should attempt to attend the examination and inform the invigilators. If the illness is severe then please notify the school of the absence in the usual way. Students who have concerns about examinations should speak with their tutor or a member of the Sixth Form Office team. Revision and support materials will be posted on the VLE (Its Learning).

Yours faithfully

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