



15th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 13 mock examinations January 2026

Please find below arrangements for Year 13 mock examinations taking place in January 2026. 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 seriously, both in terms of their preparation and conduct.

Students will undertake full mock examinations from **Monday 19th January 2026 until Friday 23rd January 2026**.

Study Leave

We have taken the decision to **allow study leave for Year 13 students** during their mock examinations. Students only need to attend school for their exams during this period, but should use this additional time at home to revise. Students are welcome to use the facilities in school to revise including the SP4L and Sixth Form areas. Students must sign in in the Sixth Form common room if they are on the school site for any periods apart from their exams.

Joint Council for Qualifications (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 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.

Punctuality and Attendance

For a morning exam, students need to arrive at their exam location promptly at 8.30am so that the exam can begin on time at 8.45am. For an afternoon exam, students must arrive at their exam location at 1.00pm so that the exam can begin on time at 1.15pm. Any students arriving after 8.30am or 1.00pm will be viewed as late and students will be informed about attending a meeting to discuss their lateness to exams. Year 13 mock exams will take place in the Garner Lecture Theatre, unless otherwise specified.

Please be reminded that it is not possible to simply 'rearrange' an exam. We understand that exams can coincide with periods of illness, but it is also important that resilience is built and that students come into school for exams if at all possible. If a student is feeling unwell while attempting an exam, they should inform the invigilators. If a student is too ill to attend school for an exam, please inform the school in the usual way and please be aware that we ask for medical evidence to support with this; under exceptional circumstances we may be able to arrange an alternative time for an exam to take place.

If parents/careers or students have any concerns around the mock exams, please contact the Sixth Form team to discuss these. We understand that the mock exams can be a stressful time for students and Year 13 tutors will be running some tutor sessions in January, about managing anxiety and developing coping mechanisms. The exams are also, of course, an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and progress, build confidence and focus on any areas they need to improve prior to the Summer exams.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with tutors or a member of the Sixth Form team if you have any questions about the mock exam period.

Yours faithfully



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