

13th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 12 mock examinations w/c 27th April 2026

Further to the mock examination timetable on the school's website (click here to access 'Timetable Year 12 mock examinations': [Mark Rutherford School - Exam Information](#)), please find below arrangements for Year 12 mock examinations taking place in the Summer term. The purpose of the 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.

Course content and examination information can be found for each subject on the exam boards' websites; select 'Year 12 subjects and specifications to download the PDF: [Mark Rutherford School - Exam Information](#)'.

Study leave

We have taken the decision to allow study leave for all Year 12 students **on Monday 27th April, Tuesday 28th April and Wednesday 29th April**, as the majority of the mock exams take place on these days. Year 12 lessons will begin again on **Thursday 30th April**; students taking Chemistry, Computing, Physical Education and Spanish will be in exams on Thursday morning then able to return to their lessons on completion of the exam. Students taking **Vocational subjects** (Sport Studies, Criminology, Health and Social Care, Applied Science) will have work for these subjects set for them on Class Charts for any lessons missed on Monday- Wednesday.

27.04.26	28.04.26	29.04.26	30.04.26	01.05.26
Study leave for all Year 12 students	Study leave for all Year 12 students	Study leave for all Year 12 students	Lessons running as usual for all subjects <i>(Chemistry, Computing, PE, Spanish and Dance (clash) exams will take place in the morning)</i>	Lessons running as usual for all subjects

Please note that mock exams for **Art** and **Photography** will take place at a later date – with Photography being taken on **13th May** and Art on **15th May**.

Students should use the additional time at home to revise. Students are welcome to use the facilities in school to revise, including in the SP4L and Sixth Form areas. Students must sign in using the Inventory screen on arrival to the school site as normal and they should swipe out on leaving.

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 8.25am so that the exam can begin on time at 8.45am. For an afternoon exam, students must arrive at their exam location promptly at 1.00pm so that the exam can begin on time at 1.15pm. Any students arriving after 8.25am or 1.00pm will be viewed as late and students will be informed about attending a meeting to discuss their lateness to exams. Year 12 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/carers 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 12 tutors will be able to support students to manage anxiety and develop 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 in Year 13.

Revision materials

Students will have been provided with revision materials, such as past/sample questions, exemplar responses, knowledge organisers. In addition, exam boards publish mark schemes and examiners' reports which are really useful for students to use and are available on the exam boards' websites. While there are numerous subject specific revision websites available to students to support revision of course content and skills, there are also many generic revision/exam skills websites that may be useful across a range of subjects, for example:

[Revision tips and how to manage exam stress: a guide for parents and guardians | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:78e0d9fc-0226-4c4a-8fbd-15a897c5aad5>

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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