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Dear Parents/Guardians and Year 13 Students,

YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS: MONDAY 16 TO FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2026

Year 13 mock examinations will take place from **Monday 16 November to Friday 20 November 2026** inclusive. During the mock window, Year 13 will be off timetable. The expectation is that students come into school only for their exams, and complete independent study at home for the rest of the week. Students will be registered in each exam session but **must sign out using the electronic system when they leave site**. They **must wear full school uniform** whenever they are on site.

These exams will give teachers vital information on each student's strengths, areas for development and misconceptions. Outcomes will also inform our tracking of progress and the support we put in place in the build-up to the A Level exams next summer.

To support revision, teachers will not set any new homework from the week commencing 9 November; they will set only revision tasks that prepare students for the mocks. Students already know the topics they need to revise, and both students and parents can see this information in Class Charts. Steady revision matters, and so does stepping back to take proper breaks, which are part of a healthy revision strategy and help avoid fatigue.

Revision support

We have also created a new Curriculum area on the school website, which you can reach from the Curriculum menu. For each subject, it sets out what students need to know through knowledge organisers, gives practical guidance on how to revise, and explains each exam paper and how marks are gained. Students can use it alongside the revision topics in Class Charts to plan their independent study at home.

The full mock timetable is printed on the final page of this letter. Please make sure your child knows the date and start time of each of their exams and arrives at least ten minutes early. Students who are entitled to exam access arrangements will receive these in their mocks, just as they will in the summer.

Equipment for every exam

Students must bring their own equipment, in line with JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) requirements.

- At least two **black ink pens**. Answers must be written in black ink; pencil is for diagrams and graphs only.
- A pencil, ruler, eraser and sharpener, plus any subject-specific equipment such as a protractor or compasses.
- A **calculator** for any exam where one is permitted. Its lid or cover must be removed, along with any instruction leaflet. Calculators that can store text, connect to other devices or access the internet are not allowed.
- A **clear, see-through pencil case**. Opaque pencil cases are not allowed in the exam room.

Drinks

Students may bring water only, in a **clear, see-through plastic bottle with all labels removed**. No other drinks or food may be taken into the exam room unless agreed in advance for medical reasons.

Phones, watches and other devices

No mobile phones, watches of any kind or other electronic devices are allowed in the exam room. This includes smartwatches, ordinary analogue and digital watches, fitness trackers, earbuds and headphones. There is a clock in every exam room. These items must be switched off and left where staff direct before students enter. Under JCQ rules, simply having one of these items on you during an exam counts as misconduct, even if it is switched off and not used. Notes, revision cards and any other paper must also be left outside.

Exam conditions

The mocks will be conducted under the same JCQ conditions that students will experience in the summer. Please read the JCQ information for candidates together, which sets out the rules for written exams: https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/.

We are required to report misconduct in public examinations to the exam boards to protect the integrity of national qualifications, and misconduct can lead to a student being disqualified. Experiencing these expectations in the mocks helps students become familiar with them and build the confidence and resilience to tackle some relatively long papers.

Results

Students will receive their results in lessons, and outcomes will also be shared in their Progress Report in December. Thank you for encouraging your child to take these exams, and their preparation for them, seriously, so that they have the best possible experience in the lead-up to the public examinations next summer.

Yours sincerely



Aidan Dowle
Headteacher

A Level

Mock Examination Timetable

Date	Session	Start	Subject	Duration
Monday 16 November	AM	09:00	Film Studies	2h 0m
Monday 16 November	AM	09:00	Geography	2h 0m
Monday 16 November	AM	09:00	Physical Education	2h 0m
Monday 16 November	PM	13:00	Sociology	2h 0m
Tuesday 17 November	AM	09:00	Chemistry	2h 0m
Tuesday 17 November	AM	09:00	Drama	3h 0m
Tuesday 17 November	AM	09:00	Economics	2h 0m
Wednesday 18 November	AM	09:00	Physics	2h 0m
Wednesday 18 November	AM	09:00	Product Design	2h 30m
Wednesday 18 November	AM	09:00	Psychology	2h 0m
Thursday 19 November	AM	09:00	Biology	2h 45m
Thursday 19 November	AM	09:00	English	2h 30m
Thursday 19 November	AM	09:00	Spanish	2h 30m
Thursday 19 November	PM	13:00	Mathematics	2h 0m
Friday 20 November	AM	09:00	History	2h 30m
Friday 20 November	AM	09:00	Politics	2h 0m

Durations shown are the standard exam durations.