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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re: Year 13 Mock Exams – 28th February – 11th March 2022 (inclusive)

As stated on the school calendar, Year 13 students will have a second stage of mock exams in all subjects. These will take place from Monday 28th February to Friday 11th March 2022 (inclusive). During this period, all Year 13 students will follow the mock examination timetable, which can be found on the school website.

Enclosed is your child's individual exam timetable (blue sheet) which students should keep in a safe place for future reference. Those students, who are timetabled to undertake the Art and/or Music practical exams, please discuss arrangements directly with your teacher or Head of Department.

As advised previously, it is vital that your child reads, fully understands and **strictly** adheres to all exam protocol as set by JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) as failure to do so could lead to disqualification. This information can be found on the exams link located on the school's website:-

<https://www.cooperscoborn.org.uk/examinations/>

Your support to ensure that your child is fully focused and prepared for these mock exams is greatly appreciated. As previously advised, with the cancellation of exams in both the summer of 2020 and 2021, it is more important than ever for students to be tested on their subject knowledge in an exam environment for the following reasons:-

- Mock exams are a useful tool for students, teachers and parents to measure how well students are progressing in their studies.
- It allows students an opportunity to work under exam-like conditions and test how well their revision strategies are working.
- For the school, it is a useful indication of how likely a student is to achieve a certain grade in the "real" exams and therefore a benchmark on whether to review a set of results in the summer.
- In light of the recent pandemic, mock and assessment data, along with other historic data on students assisted teaching staff to make holistic judgements when submitting teacher-assessed grades (TAG) to the exam boards to enable students to receive either their GCSE or A-level results last summer. It is important that we point out that, if for any reason, the A-level examinations do not take place in the summer, then performance in these mock examinations could be a determining factor in the final creation of an A-level grade.
- Both Mr. Bell and Mr. Teece have reiterated the above points to the year group on a number of occasions.

Attendance is compulsory and all students will be expected in school at the commencement of the school day. Normal lessons will continue throughout the course of this exam period and during the occasions when students will not have an examination, they will be required to attend their usual timetabled lesson.

During these times, it is essential that all students come to school fully equipped for sitting these exams since we are unable to lend essential equipment. Students are expected to arrive at least **20 minutes** before the stated start time for each of their exams. Students will not be allowed to leave the exam until the full time duration has lapsed.

These examinations are referred to as 'mock' since they are an attempt to duplicate the situation that will arise when all Year 13 students take their external examinations scheduled in May and June 2022. Despite the fact that they are effectively a practice, it is paramount that preparation for them is sound, since the results can affect the estimation of likely performance when informing on grades (should the need arise). Furthermore, concerning the summer 2022 exam series, in the anticipation that these will proceed, your child will shortly be receiving their statement of entry and candidate timetable. Once in receipt of this documentation can you please take the time to check that the information contained within the body of these two documents are correct (in particular the spelling of the legal names and date of birth). A copy of the full exam timetable can be found on the examinations link of the school's website.



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Please notify the exams office as soon as possible, should your child be unable to attend a mock examination for whatever reason. Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact either Mrs. Titley or Mrs. Butler in the exams team.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish all the students well in this stage of their academic career.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. A. Titley

Examinations and Data Manager

Encs. Your child's personal exam timetable (blue sheet)