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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Year 13 Mock Exams – 25th November to 6th December 2024 (inclusive)

We hope your son / daughter has settled into what will be their last year at the school.

As stated on the school calendar, the Year 13 mock examination period will run from Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December (inclusive). During this period, all Year 13 students will follow the mock examination timetable, which can be found [on the school website](#).

Your child, has been issued with their individual exam timetable both electronically and a paper copy, which they are required to keep in a safe place for future reference. Those students, who are timetabled to undertake the Art practical exam, please discuss arrangements directly with Mr. Withyman.

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](#).

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 2025; a draft timetable detailing the dates and times of written exams for the summer 2025 examination series can be found on the [school's website](#). Your support to ensure that your son or daughter is fully focused and prepared for these mock exams is greatly appreciated. Despite the fact that they are effectively a practice, it is paramount that preparation for them is sound.

Below are just some examples of the importance of hosting mock exam periods:-

- 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 Covid-19 pandemic, mock and assessment data, along with other historic data on students assisted teaching staff to make holistic judgements when submitting grades to the exam boards to enable students to receive either their GCSE or A-level results in 2020 and 2021. It is important that we point out that the school is required to continue to put in place contingency measures, if for any reason, the A-level examinations do not take place next summer and performance in these mock examinations could be a determining factor in the final creation of an A-level grade.

Staff will be working hard to mark the mocks so that your son/daughter receives detailed feedback as soon as possible. As Mr Bell and Mrs Marshall have communicated to you in their letter this week, students will start to find out their results to papers as early as possible, but we will formally write to you with the substantive overall grades in January. This will take place prior to the Parents' Consultation Evening on Thursday 16th January.

Attendance to school during this time is compulsory and all students will be expected in school at the commencement of the school day. No study leave will be given during this time, as it is critical that students attend all lessons when they do not have mock examinations.

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.



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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. Butler in the exams office.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Butler
Exams Officer