



10th December 2025

Dear Year 13 Parents/Carers

Year 13 Mock Examinations - January 2026

To help students with the revision process, experience sitting practice papers in timed conditions, and to assess their progress, we are holding Year 13 Mock Examinations from **Thursday 8th January up to and including Friday 16th January.**

Individual mock examination timetables have been emailed to each student's school email already and a copy has been emailed home to you too.

We launched Mock Examinations with students in a recent assembly. Careful revision and preparation for Mock Examinations is an important stepping-stone in challenging and supporting students to achieve their best in the final examinations in the summer. Elevate presented to students last year about how best to revise in Sixth Form, with further information in more recent assemblies and lessons.

At this time of year, parents often ask how many hours of revision students should be completing at home to be successful. If students are making productive use of their study periods at school to complete their homework, a couple of hours focused on revision and past paper practice each evening Monday to Thursday, with a longer period over one day at the weekend, is a good rule of thumb. Student wellbeing remains our firm priority. To maintain a healthy balance, we recommend students have one complete day away from their studies at the weekend so they can rest.

Students will attend school as normal on Tuesday 6th January for a mock examination briefing assembly and an opportunity to see their teachers in their normal lessons that day and on Wednesday 7th January. Students will have study leave from Thursday 8th January up to and including Friday 16th January for the mock examination period to help them revise. This means students may choose to study at home and come into school for their examinations only. Equally, students are most welcome to come into school to study in the Library or Sixth Form Building; they should sign in and out if they choose this option and wear their business dress.

Students should assemble in 'Collaborate' in the Sixth Form Building promptly at 8.30am for the morning examination session and 11.55am for the afternoon session.

For most students, examinations will take place in the Sixth Form Auditorium. Please be aware that occasionally mock examinations run past the end of the school day, particularly if students have extra time. Students should check their timetables carefully and make alternative arrangements to get home, if applicable.

For a small number of subjects, a mock examination is not appropriate at this stage, as the students have been predominantly working on coursework. In these subjects, teachers will be inviting students into school during the week for coursework clinics or extra lessons and providing students with work to complete independently at home. If students have a day at the end of the week with no mock examinations, they could spend time completing coursework, researching their options for next year on Unifrog or attending a university/company applicant day.

We will be holding a Mock Results Assembly in the last week of the half term when students will receive the results of their mock examinations. Teachers and students will then be using the results to review their progress to date as well as reflecting on what needs to be done to move forward. **Teachers will also be able to share this information with you at Report 2 which will be sent home on 11th February as well as at Year 13 Parents' Evening in school on Thursday 12th February.**

We know that at this time of year, employers are sometimes keen for students to extend their part-time employment hours, particularly over the holiday period. We have talked to Year 13 in assembly about the importance of using their holidays first and foremost, for rest and relaxation with their families and friends, but also taking significant time to prepare for their mock examinations, and to prioritise these over employment hours. We are happy to write to individual employers on a student's behalf to explain the importance of reduced employment hours, if this is an issue and as we have done previously.

If you have any questions about Year 13 mocks or a student needs any further support, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at school.

Yours sincerely

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