



28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 11 Mock Examinations 6.2.2023 – 27.2.2023**

I am writing to inform you of the final set of Mock Examinations for Year 11.

These examinations are an essential part of preparation for the GCSE examinations. They give your child's subject teachers an opportunity to assess their current knowledge and understanding of each subject, the progress they have made since the last mock exams in October/November 2022 as well as how they perform under exam conditions.

I would also like to make you aware that Ofqual recently published guidance which proposes schools gather evidence on students' performance should a scenario arise where it would be unsafe or unfair for students to sit exams. Mock examination results would be used as one piece of evidence as these exams are conducted under supervision. It is therefore essential that your child is as well prepared as possible for these exams, so that we have an accurate picture of where they are at in their learning and revision.

The results of these mock assessments will also help us to arrange for targeted support and intervention to address areas in need of development before the public exams in May.

A timetable for Mock Examinations is attached below. Your child will be issued an individual Mock Examination timetable next half term, which will also provide further information on roomings, access arrangements (if applicable) and arrangements for subject clashes.

Students will arrive to school at the normal time in the morning and go to their form room for registration. For the mid-morning (periods 3 and 4) or afternoon (period 5) examinations, students will drop their bags off first in the designated bag room and then line up in form and in alphabetical order outside the sports hall 10 minutes before the examination commences.

As always, students must arrive in full school uniform and bring the following necessary equipment for each exam in a clear pencil case:

- black pen x2
- pencil
- sharpener
- ruler
- eraser
- calculator
- Maths set (compass, protractor)
- Highlighters (students are permitted to highlight parts of a question, however, answers must not be highlighted)

Water must be stored in clear bottles without labels or writing (i.e. logos) and a small lid (we do recommend disposable water bottles for exams).

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Electronic devices, watches and any other items must be left in the bag room and not be brought into the exam room. All pockets must be completely empty.

Students will not be allowed to sit their exam if they are late. Late entry to an examination room is at the discretion of the invigilator.

If your child is ill during the examination period please notify the school in the usual manner.

If you have any questions about these examinations, please do not hesitate to contact me on [DKohls@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:DKohls@stanborough.herts.sch.uk).

The results of these exams will be shared with students as soon as teachers have marked and moderated the papers.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about the 2023 public summer exams.

GCSE exams in England will largely return to pre-pandemic arrangements next summer, which includes a return to pre-pandemic grading in 2023 as the next step in getting back to normal. However, the Department of Education is planning on giving the 2023 cohort some protection against any impact of COVID-19 disruptions experienced.

What does this mean in detail?

Grade boundaries for every specification will be set by the senior examiner after they have reviewed the work produced by all students in a particular subject. Senior examiners will be guided in their decisions about where to set grade boundaries by information about the grades achieved in pre-pandemic years (2017-2019), along with students' Key Stage 2 results. Therefore, a typical student who would have achieved a grade 9 in a particular GCSE subject before the pandemic will be just as likely to achieve a grade 9 next summer, even if their performance in the assessments is a little weaker in 2023 than it would have been before the pandemic. As a result of this decision, 2023 results are expected to be lower than 2022 results.

GCSE results will be released to students on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023. We will write to you closer to the time with the exact time students will be able to collect their results envelope. Students who are unable to collect their results in person will need to email our exams officer Mr Cowdrey on [acowdrey@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:acowdrey@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) to nominate a person who will collect results on their behalf.

Finally, I thank you for your continuing support in ensuring that your child achieves all they are capable of.

Yours faithfully



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**YEAR 11 TIMETABLE FEBRUARY 2023 MOCKS**

Day	Date	Period 1 and 2	Period 3 and 4	Period 5
Monday	6.2.2023	ART (5 Hrs) + 3D Design (5 Hrs)		
Tuesday	7.2.2023	Comb. Science Biology (1hr 15m) Biology Triple Science (1hr 45m)	Spanish Writing (Foundation: 1hr Higher: 1hr 20m)	Spanish Listening (Foundation: 35m Higher: 45m)
Wednesday	8.2.2023	Geography (1hr 30)	English Language (1hr 45m)	
Thursday	9.2.2023	Maths non-calculator (1hr 30m)	Psychology (1hr 30m)	Dance assessment
Friday	10.2.2023	Comb. Science Physics (1hr 15m) Physics Triple Science (1hr 45m)	Sports GCSE (1hr 45m) Music (1hr 15m)	Child Development (1hr 15m)
<b>February Half term</b>				
Monday	20.2.2023	English Literature (2hr 15m)	Dance assessment	History (55m)
Tuesday	21.2.2023	Comb. Science Chemistry (1hr 15m) Chemistry Triple Science (1hr 45m)	French Writing (Foundation: 1hr Higher: 1hr 20m)	French Listening (Foundation: 35m Higher: 45m)
Wednesday	22.2.2023	Maths Calculator (1hr 30m)	Business (1hr 45m)	
Thursday	23.2.2023	Sports GCSE (1hr 15m)	Drama (1hr 45m)	Dance assessment
Monday	27.2.2023	Computing (1hr 30m)	Hospitality & Catering (1hr 30m)	

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