



December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 11 Exams information**

**Mock Examinations 29.1.2024 - 9.2.2024**

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

These exams are an essential part of preparation for the GCSE exams. 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 as well as how they perform under exam conditions. Teachers are currently finalising the October/November mock exam grades to share with students.

I would also like to make you aware that schools are advised to gather evidence on students' performance should a scenario arise where it would be unsafe or unfair for students to sit exams. Mock exam results would be used as one piece of evidence as these exams are conducted under supervision. The results of these mock exams 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 exams is attached at the end of this letter. Your child will be issued an individual mock exam 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) exams, students will drop their bags off first in the designated bag room and then line up outside the sports hall 10 minutes before the exam 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)

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Water must be stored in clear bottles without labels or writing (i.e. logos) and a small lid.

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. Any items found on students as they enter the exam rooms will be confiscated.

Students will not be allowed to sit their exam if they are late. Late entry to an exam room is at the discretion of the invigilator. If your child is ill during the exam period please notify the school in the usual manner.

If you have any questions about these exams, 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.

### **Additional Language exams (optional)**

We have received some enquiries about students sitting additional language exams. If your child would like to be entered for an additional language GCSE in the summer and can confidently speak and write in the language, please email the exams team directly on [exams@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) by the end of the term so that entries can be made in January 2024.

Please note that we use the following exam boards:

AQA: Polish, German, Italian

Pearson Edexcel: Greek, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian, Portuguese

### **Summer exams timetable**

A timetable for the summer exams is attached at the end of this letter. Students will receive a personalised timetable in the spring term.

### **GCSE Results day**

GCSE results will be released to students on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. 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 team on [exams@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) to nominate a person who will collect results on their behalf (ID will be required).

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

Yours faithfully



Ms D Kohls  
Deputy Headteacher

Mock examination timetable 29.01.2024 – 09.02.2024				
		Period 1 and 2	Period 3 and 4	Period 5
Mon	29.01.24	Art & 3D Design (5hrs)		
Tue	30.01.24	French Listening (F/T 35m) (H/T 45m) French Reading (F/T 45m) (H/T 1hr)	Biology Combined Science (1hr 15m) Biology Triple Science (1hr 45m)	
Wed	31.01.24	Math Non-Calculator (1hr 30m)	Drama (1hr 45m) Child Development (1hr 15m) Physical Ed. Paper 1 (1hr 30m)	
Thu	01.02.24	English Language (1hr 45m)	Business (1hr 45m)	
Fri	02.02.24	English Literature (1hr 45m)		History (55m)
Mon	05.02.24	Spanish Listening (F/T 35m) (H/T 45m) Spanish Reading (F/T 45m) (H/T 1hr)	Chemistry Combined Science (1hr 15m) Chemistry Triple Science (1hr 45m)	
Tue	06.02.24	Geography (1hr 30m)	Music (1hr 30m) Physical Ed. Paper 2 (1hr)	
Wed	07.02.24	Math Calculator (1hr 30m)	Psychology (1hr 30m)	
Thu	08.02.24	Physics Combined Science (1hr 15m) Physics Triple Science (1hr 45m)	Spanish Writing (F/T 1hr) (H/T 1hr 15m) Functional Skills English Reading (1 hr)	
Fri	09.02.24	French Writing (F/T 1hr) (H/T 1hr 15m) Functional Skills English Writing (1 hr)	Computer Science (1hr 30m)	

Students will be issued with a time for their French and/or Spanish speaking mock in their lessons.

Day	Date	Morning exams	Afternoon exams
Thursday	9.5.24		Drama Italian papers 1 and 3
Friday	10.5.24	Biology paper 1	German papers 1 and 3
Monday	13.5.24	English Literature paper 1	C.Nat Sports Studies R184
Tuesday	14.5.24	French papers 1 and 3	Business Studies paper 1 Chinese papers 1 and 3
Wednesday	15.5.24	History paper 1	Computer science paper 1 Psychology paper 1
Thursday	16.5.24	Maths paper 1	
Friday	17.5.24	Chemistry paper 1	Geography paper 1
Monday	20.5.24	English Literature paper 2	Italian paper 4
Tuesday	21.5.24	German paper 4	Computer science paper 2 C.Nat Child Development
Wednesday	22.5.24	Physics paper 1	Physical Ed paper 1 Chinese paper 4
Thursday	23.5.24	English Language paper 1	Psychology paper 2
Friday	24.5.24	French paper 4	
Monday	3.6.24	Maths paper 2	Physical Ed paper 2 Russian papers 1 and 3
Tuesday	4.6.24	Spanish papers 1 and 3	History paper 2
Wednesday	5.6.24	Geography paper 2	Business Studies paper 2
Thursday	6.6.24	English Language paper 2	Contingency afternoon
Friday	7.6.24		Biology paper 2
Monday	10.6.24	Maths paper 3	Spanish paper 4 Greek papers 1 and 3
Tuesday	11.6.24	Chemistry paper 2	History paper 3 AQA Further Maths paper 1
Wednesday	12.6.24		Polish papers 1 and 3 Portuguese papers 1 and 3
Thursday	13.6.24		Contingency afternoon
Friday	14.6.24	Geography paper 3	Physics paper 2
Monday	17.6.24	Russian paper 4 Greek paper 4	Music
Tuesday	18.6.24		Polish paper 4 Portuguese paper 4
Wednesday	19.6.24	AQA Further Maths paper 2	
Thursday	20.6.24		
Wednesday	26.6.24	Contingency day	Contingency day

Dates and times for all other public exam elements (practical assessments, speaking exams, etc.) will be confirmed next term.

\*Contingency afternoons/day: In the event of an exam unable to go ahead due to a national emergency, the exam boards have allocated two afternoons and one day for these postponed exams to take place. Your child must be available during these times.