



26th November 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 13 Mock Exams - January 2026

I would like to give you some important information regarding the start of term in January 2026 and the January mock exams that Year 13 are sitting.

All mock exams will take place between Monday 5th January and Tuesday 13th January 2026. Students will resume their timetabled lessons on Wednesday 14th January. During this period students will be on study leave and will be required to be in school for their exams only. The majority of mock examinations will take place in the gym under examination conditions (please see timetable sent separately) Students will be required to be in the relevant examination room 15 minutes prior to the start of each exam. Please be advised that students are unable to take bags or mobile phones into the examination rooms. They will be asked to leave them in the Post 16 Study area where they will be unsupervised. Thus, it would be advisable to avoid bringing valuables or mobile phones to school on examination days.

If your child is ill on the day of an exam, please telephone and inform the school. If a student misses an examination because they are ill, they will be required to sit it at the first available opportunity on their return. Students taking exams at other centres need to make sure they are familiar with the regulations and timings at that centre. (timetables for Consortium schools will be displayed in the Post 16 area). During the exam period, students will be on study leave, however those students that study BTEC qualifications will be expected to be in their lessons where possible to prepare for their external assessments.

We expect A Level students to achieve results in line with their summer target grades. Students performing significantly below their target grade will be required to undertake formal discussions with their subject teachers, Form Tutor and Post 16 Leader. Following these discussions, appropriate interventions will be imposed. If your child is affected by this, we shall contact you to outline appropriate interventions and discuss next steps as soon as possible after the results are published.

Students who fail a mock exam in January will be required to re-sit the subject. Students will be notified individually of the time and location.

The mock exams are designed to support students with their progress to ensure that they achieve their potential at A Level. We have stressed to all students the importance of revising thoroughly for them and the subject teachers will be offering guidance and support over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me or the relevant Curriculum Leader.

Yours faithfully,

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