

16th December 2025

Year 12 Mock Examinations & BTEC Unit Exams

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I hope that all students are feeling positive about the Mock Examinations & BTEC Unit exams; they have been working extremely well in lessons and we are hoping to see the great progress we feel they have made since joining the Sixth Form in September. Mock exams give students the exposure to exams which is invaluable and ensures teachers have an in-depth understanding of where each student is with their learning. Students have a significant number of supervised study sessions which should be used to revise for these exams and I hope students are using time at home effectively. Students studying BTEC subjects may have an external unit exam in January and have also been working hard in preparation for them. Students have access to a wide range of resources on their subject Google Classrooms.

When are the BTEC/mock exams?

They start on **Tuesday 6th January 2025** and will last approximately 2 weeks. The exam timetables have been emailed to all students and they should have received their paper copy.

Where do students go at the end of an exam?

Students can take a 15 minute break and then head to their timetabled lesson.

Will there be more mock exams?

Yes, students will sit 'Entry to Year 13 Exams' in June/July 2026 with Maths students sitting external AS exams.

Other exam information for Students

- **Equipment:** Students should make sure they know exactly what equipment they need. The exam regulations state that you should **not** have a pencil case unless it is completely clear. Usually, students carry their own equipment in a clear plastic bag.
- **Bags:** Please leave your school bags in the Annex before the start of the exam.
- **Mobile phones:** Mobile phones and smart watches should NOT be taken into the exam hall (it is against exam regulations) These items should be left in bags.
- **Lateness:** If a student arrives late, depending on the time elapsed, we will make a decision as to whether the student goes in to complete the exam or to start it at the next available opportunity. Where we can we will allow the student extra time at the end to catch up.

Finally, Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and parents alike, and mock exams bring that into sharp focus. If you feel that you are struggling in any way, please contact any member of the Year 12 Team: form tutors, the subject teachers, Mr Toovey or myself.

I hope you all manage to have a restful break and we look forward to seeing students in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

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