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Year 12: Entrance to Year 13 Exams

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming 'Entrance to Year 13' Exams, that Year 12 students will be sitting in the final half-term. These exams are an important part of the course and will show how your son/daughter is progressing at the midpoint of their A Level/BTech courses. The purpose is to encourage students to plan their time and begin revision, give students formal exam practice, allow teachers and students to identify strengths and weaknesses to be targeted next year, and to ensure that students are on track to successfully complete Year 13.

I hope students are feeling positive about the end of year exams; they have been working extremely well in lessons and we are hoping to see the great progress we feel they have made, since starting in September. Teachers will be making students aware of what the exam will look like and how they can best prepare themselves for the exam.

When are the 'Entrance to Year 13' Exams?

They start **Monday 8th June** and continue until **Friday 30th June**. The mock exam timetable is finalised and is attached. There are exams in the morning and afternoon starting at 8:45am and 1:15pm respectively.

Will every subject have a mock exam?

No. There will only be written exams for A level subjects. However BTEC subjects will assess students based on coursework completion, external unit exams and readiness to continue to Year 13 and will be equally important.

What will happen if a student is ill and misses a mock exam?

We will arrange for the student to take the exam at a different time. Students will not be disadvantaged and everyone will have the opportunity to catch up on missed exams.

When will we get the results?

Students and parents will receive their results in their report scheduled to go home in July.

Will there be a chance to resit an exam if a student fails (gains a E/U grade).

Yes, we are currently expecting to hold retake days on **Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd September (INSET days)**. Students who are significantly below their target grade will also be expected to resit that paper to give them a chance to improve their grade.

What happens if a student fails a resit exam?

A meeting will be held about the appropriateness of the course and options for Year 13.

Will this grade be used as their UCAS predicted grade?

These assessments help to inform the school's UCAS predicted grades, but will not be used on its own.



Other exam information:

Equipment: Students should make sure they know exactly what equipment they need so we do not need to lend out equipment unnecessarily. The exam regulations state that you should NOT have a pencil case unless it is completely clear.

Mobile phones: Mobile phones should NOT be taken into any exam room (it is against exam regulations). Watches should not be brought into the exam hall either. 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 really stressful time for students and parents alike, and these exams bring that into sharp focus. If you feel that you are struggling in any way, please contact any member of the Sixth Form Team: the form tutors, the subject teachers or myself.

Best wishes,

Mrs M. Wallington
Deputy Head of School

