

11th November 2025

Year 13 Mock Examinations

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I hope that all students are feeling positive about the mock exams; they have been working extremely well in lessons and we are hoping to see the great progress we feel they have made since returning in September. These exams will give students exposure to exams which is invaluable and ensures teachers have an in-depth understanding of where each student is with their learning. Please be reminded there are also a number of subject specific interventions running during tutor time and after school. It is highly recommended that all students take up all opportunities possible.

When are the mock exams?

They start on **Monday 17th November** and go on for two weeks. There are exams in the morning (8:45am) and afternoon (1:15pm) and it is therefore imperative students arrive at school on time.

Will there be more mock exams?

Yes, we are currently expecting to hold a second set of mock exams at the beginning of March 2026.

Will my mock grades be used for my UCAS predicted grades?

Mock exams will be an important part of the UCAS predictions, but we will take account of the whole picture- classwork, homework and previous assessments.

Other exam information

- **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 if you have an exam in the sports hall. If you are taking your exams in the Youth Club, please take and leave your bags there.
- **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 13 can be a really 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 13 Team: the form tutors, the subject teachers, Mr Williams or myself.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Wallington
Assistant Headteacher

