



12th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 13 Mock Examinations

Please be reminded that Year 13 mock examinations will take place from **Monday 6th January to Friday 17th January**. The whole Year 13 timetable will be suspended for these 10 days and all students will have study leave. However, Year 13 students taking Year 12 courses are expected to attend Year 12 lessons as normal – unless the lesson clashes with an exam. Students who do not have many exams must spend their time productively consolidating their learning and reading around their subjects. Students who study one or more subjects where a mock exam is not being taken, will be expected to attend school as directed by the relevant Head of Department to continue with their coursework in those non-mock exam subjects.

Clearly, the coming weeks are of considerable importance for your child and it is crucial that s/he undertakes a structured **revision programme**. Revision done now will be of great importance in determining the final grade achieved at the end of the year.

These mock exams will provide an important measure of the progress made and are scheduled at this stage in order to enable students time to respond to their outcome. The following week, staff will be marking the tests and entering the data for the second **Year 13 Progress Report**. This report, which will be issued on Friday 7th February, will focus on current performance grades, target grades, exam scores, attitude to learning and deadlines.

We hope that this letter keeps you in the picture about the pattern of assessment in Year 13 and alerts you to the importance of the next few weeks in particular. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this process, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully,

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