



Year 13 Mock Examinations – November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that our Year 13 mock examinations will take place from Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November 2026. In addition, some students will be resitting GCSE English and/or Mathematics examinations, which begin on Tuesday 3 November.

These examinations are an important milestone in Year 13, providing students with an opportunity to assess their progress, experience formal examination conditions and identify areas where further improvement is needed. The results will also help teachers provide targeted support as students prepare for their final examinations next summer.

During the mock examination week (9–13 November), Year 13 students will be granted study leave. This means that they will not be expected to attend their normal timetabled lessons but must attend school for all scheduled examinations. Students are welcome to use the Sixth Form Centre for independent study when they are not sitting examinations.

The examination timetable can be accessed here:

[Year 13 Mock Examination Timetable](#)

Students resitting GCSE English and/or Mathematics should also ensure they are aware of their individual examination dates and times.

Preparing for the examinations

With the examinations approaching, we would encourage students to begin preparing now rather than leaving revision until the final few days. Effective revision is about working consistently and making good use of the time available.

We recommend that students:

- Create a realistic revision timetable, allocating time to each subject and prioritising areas they find most challenging.
- Use active revision techniques such as past papers, practice questions, flashcards and self-testing, rather than simply reading through notes.
- Break revision into manageable sessions, taking regular breaks to maintain concentration.
- Make use of feedback from teachers and previous assessments to identify areas for improvement.
- Maintain a healthy balance between revision, rest, exercise and sleep.

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Further information and practical advice about effective revision can be found in the parents' section of our website:

[Revision Advice for Parents and Carers](#)

How parents and carers can help

We recognise that preparing for examinations can be a challenging time for students and that support at home can make a real difference. You can help by encouraging your child to follow a regular revision routine, providing a suitable space for studying and discussing how their preparation is progressing.

It can also be helpful to encourage students to take regular breaks, maintain healthy sleeping habits and avoid becoming overwhelmed by the amount of work ahead. Showing an interest in their revision and offering reassurance can be just as valuable as helping with academic work.

Following the mock examinations, students will receive feedback from their teachers to help them reflect on their performance and focus their efforts during the remaining months of Year 13.

We appreciate your continued support in helping students prepare for this important stage of their education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team.

Yours sincerely,

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