



10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 13 January Mock Exams 2025

Well done to our Year 13 students who have made a fantastic start to the new academic year, we have been impressed with their positivity and focus.

We have planned a series of mock exams in January to enable our students to gain experience and to increase their confidence with the required structure, revision and timings of A-Level examinations. These mocks will take place between **13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025** and will be for the A-Level students only (as the BTEC students will be sitting their exams for this term).

### Exam Timetable

I have attached a copy of the Year 13 mock timetable for your information. The students have also received a copy of this to help them to plan, revise and prepare over the next few weeks.

When reading the timetable, please note the following:

In the exam week for their year group there will be no form time for Year 12 students.

- All Year 13 mock exams will take place at the **Old Gym** unless stated otherwise. Students should check the timetable to ensure they know where their exam is taking place.
- The timings of the day during this period may be slightly different to the usual timings. Students should make a note of these to avoid being late or missing any exams.
- Some students have clashes that we are aware of and have tried to resolve. However, students should double check their subjects and if they spot a problem, to email **Mrs Cheryl Elliott** directly asap via: [elliottc@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:elliottc@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)
- **NB:** some exams rescheduled due to clashes take place prior, and some after, the examination date.
- Those students relying on public transport will be able to stay in Sixth Form to study in the Common Room or Private Study area, however, please let us know that this will be the case so that we can keep track of who is in the building.

### Study Leave Arrangements

Study leave for Year 13 will be from **13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025** (meaning that during that week they only need to come in on the days/times when they have an exam). Students studying a double or single BTEC, should confirm the study leave arrangements with their BTEC subject teachers

Alternative arrangements for students studying triple BTEC are as follows:

They will be required to be in lessons as normal, unless they have an exam, in which case they may take study leave for the half day preceding the exam:

- The afternoon of the day before a morning exam
- The morning of an afternoon exam

All study leave is a provisional offer and will be at the discretion of teachers e.g. they may ask students to stay in if they think working under supervision would be beneficial. Parents/carers must give permission for students to remain at home for study leave.

Please click on the link below to give permission for your child to be absent on study leave over the Year 12 exam period. If permission is not recorded students will be expected to be in school throughout the week and non-attendance will be followed up.

<https://forms.office.com/e/y3x8PwW9fH>

The normal timetable for Year 12 will resume on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, including form time.

### **Examination Rules**

We will be applying the rules that apply for external exams, so students need to be aware of these and ensure they follow them:

- No mobile phones, iPods, MP3s, MP4s or Smartwatches are to be taken into any examination. All wrist wear, including watches, bracelets etc. should be removed and placed on the desk in clear view.
- No food, sweets or chewing gum allowed in any examination. Students may bring a drink (water only) in a clear plastic bottle with a screw top and label removed.
- Students must bring appropriate equipment with them to all examinations. This includes pens, pencils, eraser, ruler and calculator (if allowed). Please note students do need to bring their own calculator as we do not have any available to be handed out.
- Equipment should be in a clear pencil case or a clear plastic bag.
- Students should follow instructions from staff on where to line up, ready to go into the designated room and find their allocated seat.
- Students are not permitted to communicate with each other whilst in the examination room during examination times.

We would like to encourage all students to spend a proportion of their half term revising so they are as prepared as they can be.

There are a number of ways they can help themselves with this:

- Create a structured revision timetable
- Balance work time with relaxation time
- Use some of the techniques discussed in their Study Skills lessons
- Complete practice/past exam papers

We have been discussing all of these tips with students during form time over the past few weeks.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's form tutor for additional information.

Yours faithfully



Mr Walker  
**Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form**

## January 2025 Exams Year 13 - Old Gym

YEAR 13	09.00 - Finish	12.00 -12.40	12.45 - 15.20
<b>Week A</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>History P1 2h15</b> <b>Politics P1 2h</b> <b>Further Maths A P1 2h</b> <b>Further Maths AS P1 1h30</b> <b>Spanish P1 2h30 listening Room 918</b> <b>Core Maths P1 1h30</b> Clash: Vernon, Ratcliffe, Challinor, Hollingsworth <b>Sitting Clash Business P1: Briggs</b> <b>BTEC Sport Unit 2 external Room 531</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>Sociology P2 2h</b> <b>Maths P1 2h</b> <b>Sitting Clash Core Maths P1: Hollingsworth, Ratcliffe</b> <b>Sitting Clash Physics P1: E Andrews</b> <b>Sitting Clash Business P1: Dakin, Polaszek</b> <b>Sitting Clash History: Challinor</b> <b>Sitting F Maths AS P1: Vernon</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>Biology P1 2h</b> <b>Religious Studies P1 3h</b> <b>Computer Science P1 2h30</b> <b>English Language P1 2h30</b> <b>Business P1 1h30</b> Clash Business: Briggs, Dakin, Polaszek Clash English Language: Grocott <b>Sitting Clash Physics P1: A McPherson, B Tanner</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>English Literature P2 2h</b> <b>Geography P1 1h15</b> <b>Spanish P2 1h</b> <b>Chemistry P1 1h30</b> <b>Physics P1 2h</b> Clash Physics: E Andrews, A McPherson, B Tanner Clash Chemistry: Threlfall, Hollingsworth, Hale, Grady <b>Sitting Clash: H McIntyre History P2</b>

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Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>Psychology P1 2h</b> <b>Chemistry P2 1h30</b> <b>Music 2h30 in music room</b> <b>Economics P1 2h</b> <b>Art all day YR12/YR13</b> Clash: Phillips, Sawford, Mcpherson, Debes, Giles, Hartley, Laugharne <b>Sitting Clash English Language: Grocott</b>  <b>BTEC Sport Unit 1 external room 531</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>History P2 1h30</b> <b>Geography P2 1h15</b> <b>Politics P2 2h</b> <b>PE P1 2h</b> <b>FM A Level P2 2h</b> <b>Art all day YR12/YR13</b> H McIntyre History and Art <b>Sitting Clash Psychology P1: Phillips</b> <b>Sitting Clash Chemistry P2: Mcpherson, Sawford,</b> <b>Debes, Giles, Hartley, Laugharne</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>Maths P2 2h</b> <b>Core Maths P2 1h30</b> <b>English Literature P1 2h30</b> <b>English Language P2 2h30</b> Clash: Ratcliffe, Bomboi-Seymour	<b>Break</b>	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>Economics P2 2h</b> <b>Physics P2 1h30</b> <b>Sitting Clash English Literature P2: Ratcliffe, Bomboi-Seymour</b> <b>Sitting Clash Chemistry P1: Threlfall, Hollingsworth,</b> <b>Hale, Grady</b> <b>Sitting Business P2: Greenhalgh</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>Business P2 1h30</b> <b>Further Maths A level P3 2h</b> <b>Further Maths AS level P2 1h30</b> <b>Psychology P2 2h</b> <b>PE Paper 2 2h</b> Clash: Greenhalgh, Phillips <b>BTEC Business unit 6 external Room 531</b> <b>BTEC Science unit 3 external Room 566</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>All in Old Gym</b> <b>Sociology P1 2h</b> <b>Maths P3 2h</b> <b>Sitting Clash Business P2: Phillips</b>