

14th December 2023

Dear Exam Students (and Parents for information),

January Mock Exams 2024

Year 11 has had an exam assembly this morning, Year 13 will have an assembly tomorrow, Friday 15 December.

The key points discussed in the assembly are detailed in the [Exam Booklet](#) so please make sure you read it carefully over the Christmas holiday. The mocks are useful not only as a chance for you to measure your academic progress, but also as a dry-run at the routines and procedures you'll be going through in the summer. From that perspective, it's important that you know where you need to be and when, what equipment to bring and what to leave at home.

In our meeting Mr Fossey has also told you that the government's exam regulator Ofqual has asked all schools in England to retain mock scripts as evidence to help teachers generate grades if exams are cancelled next summer. I would like to emphasise that this is extremely unlikely to happen – but, as he said, we live in a post-pandemic world in which there is always a Plan B.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the timetable for exams next summer. This has already been published on the School's website here: [2023-2024 Public Examinations Timetable](#). Please note that the exam boards have built in contingency exam sessions on the afternoons of Thursday 6th and 13th June, and also all day on Wednesday 26th June. These extra sessions are designed to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations. You are therefore required to be available for these dates and must not be away on holiday/out of the country.

Good luck with your revision over the holidays but make sure you build in some quiet time too. I wish you a restful Christmas holiday with your family and friends.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hogarth
Exams Officer