

11 December 2009

To Parents of pupils in Year 13

Dear Parents

**Year 13 January AS Examinations**

Year 13 pupils will have AS examinations in January. A schedule of examinations is enclosed and individual exam timetables have already been given to pupils.

Pupils will attend the first four days of term at normal school time and will then be on exam leave for two weeks from 11 – 22 January inclusive. For those with exams outside of this period the usual rules regarding study leave will apply. If a pupil has an exam in the afternoon they can take study leave in the morning. Anyone with an exam in the morning will be expected to attend afternoon classes. The first few days of term will be a very important period for Year 13. This will give pupils an opportunity to discuss assessments and to consolidate revision; indeed these few lessons can make a significant difference to confidence and preparation before exams. Pupils are at liberty, and indeed are encouraged, to use the school library during exam leave.

Pupils coming into school either to study beforehand or for an examination must wear full school uniform.

If a pupil is due to have the morning for study at home but comes into school then they should register by signing the book alongside the security office under the main school archway. This register need not be signed if a pupil comes into school within 30 minutes of the start of an examination they are taking.

**Code of Conduct During Examinations**

It may be helpful to reiterate the following points:

- The Library will be open from 8.30am throughout the AS exam period.
- Candidates should gather ten minutes before an examination is due to start and wait outside G block until called to go into the hall. They should be smartly dressed and silent on entering the examination.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and handed in at the start of the session. Failure to do so could result in disqualification from all examinations.
- Pencil cases should be transparent.
- Calculator lids should be left outside the hall.
- Candidates are not allowed to leave the hall before the official finishing time of the exam

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### **Special Circumstances**

In case of illness on the day of an examination, candidates should see Miss Read, the member of the Examinations Team in charge of special considerations, as soon as possible. It is advisable for candidates to attempt to sit the examination, if possible, in order to provide evidence of their performance on the day. It is usual for a candidate to have to complete at least 50% of a written module before a mark will be awarded in recognition of mitigating circumstances. Miss Read will be able to assist in communicating with the Board if this situation arises, although medical support for any illness or complaint will be required.

I would encourage pupils to make good use of the Christmas break to make sure that they are fully prepared for their January examinations and to consolidate work covered during the long Autumn Term. In particular they should make sure that revision includes plenty of past papers and questions. Revision should see pupils transferring their notes and testing their understanding. The more modules that can be completed well in January and the more preparation done, the easier the summer sitting will be.

Please be assured that there is plenty of assistance available at school and encourage your son or daughter to make use of the clinics provided by departments. Staff are always willing to provide extra assistance. If there are any concerns please do contact the Tutor in the first instance and Heads of House and me if necessary.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Upper Sixth a happy and productive Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

**L E Péchard**  
**Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)**

# Portsmouth Grammar School Examination Timetable January 2010

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010

<b>Morning</b>	length	<b>Day and Date</b>	length	<b>Afternoon</b>
Maths (C1) Maths (M2) Maths pilot (G807)	90m 90m 120m	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m	Critical Thinking (CRIT1)
Biology (BIOL1) Business Studies (BUSS1)	75m 75m	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Psychology (6PS01) Physics (G481 – Mechanics) Physics (G482 – Electrons, Waves & Photons) Rel Studies (G571 – Philosophy of Religion) Rel Studies (G572 – Religious Ethics)	80m 60m 105m 90m 90m	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	75m 150m 60m 105m	Economics (ECON1) French (F702) Geology (F791 – Global Tectonics) Geology (F792 – Rocks)
Chemistry (CHEM1) Drama & Theatre Studies (DRAM1A/B) Gov & Politics (GOVP1) Spanish (F722)	75m 45m each 90m 150m	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m 90m 90m 90m	History (OCR 2589D – Investigations) History (OCR 2589E - Investigations) History (F961A – MdvI & Early Modern 1035-1642) History (F961B – Modern 1783-1994)
Classical Civilisation (CIV1F) Geography (GEOG1) German (F712)	90m 120m 150m	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m 90m 90m	Maths (C2) Maths (C4) Maths (S2)

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

<b>Morning</b>	length	<b>Day and Date</b>	length	<b>Afternoon</b>
Chemistry (CHY3H)	45m	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m 120m	Physics (2824 – Forces, Fields & Energy) English Literature (F661)
Critical Thinking (CRIT2)	90m	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	105m 90m	Biology (BIOL2) Gov & Politics (GOVP2)
History (OCR 2591A – Themes) History (OCR 2591B - Themes) D&T:Product Design (PROD1) History (F964A – Mdl & Erly Mod 1073-1555) History (F964B – Modern 1774-1975) Physics (PHY3H)	90m 90m 120m 90m 90m 45m	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m 90m 90m	Maths (C3) Maths (FP1) Maths pilot (G804)
Economics (ECON2)	75m	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	90m 105m	Business Studies (BUSS2) Chemistry (CHEM2)
English Literature (6395 – Poetry & Drama) Government & Politics (GOV4) Government & Politics (GOV5) Government & Politics (GOV3A)	120m 90m 90m 90m	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	60m	Geography (GEOG2)

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

<b>Morning</b>	length	<b>Day and Date</b>	length	<b>Afternoon</b>
English Literature (6396 – Criticism & Comparison) Maths (M1)	120m 90m	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m	Business Studies (BUSS3)
		<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
		<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m	Maths (S1)
		<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	90m	Physics (2825A – Cosmology)
Maths pilot (G801) GCSE Geography (1988 – DME)	90m 105m	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	120m	Economics (ECON3)

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010

<b>Morning</b>	length	<b>Day and Date</b>	length	<b>Afternoon</b>
Government & Politics (GOV8)	120m	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>		
		<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>		
		<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	120m	Psychology (PYA5)
		<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
		<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>		

