

14 December 2011

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 from 10 – 24 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 8.30 am 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

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,



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Examination Timetable January 2012 for years 12/13

Key: A level AS modules – red A level A2 modules – blue A level Maths modules including Pilot – pink

9th – 13th January 2012

Morning	length	Day and Date	length	Afternoon
Psychology (6PS01)	80m	Tuesday 10th January	60m	Geology (F791 – Global Tectonics)
Biology (BIOL1)	75m	Wednesday 11th January	75m 90m	Business Studies (BUSS1) Critical Thinking (CRIT1)
Economics (ECON1) English Literature (F661) German (F712 – LRW1)	75m 120m 150m	Thursday 12th January	60m	Physics (G481 – Mechanics)
Classical Civilisation (CIV1F) Maths (4721 – C1) Maths (4729 – M2) Maths (pilot G803 – MC3) Maths (pilot G807 – FM1)	90m 90m 90m 120m 120m	Friday 13th January	75m 90m	Chemistry (CHEM1) Gov & Politics (GOVP1)

16th – 20th January 2012

Morning	length	Day and Date	length	Afternoon
		Monday 16th January	90m 90m 150m	History (F961A – Mdlv & Early Mod 1035-1642) History (F961B – Modern 1783-1994) Spanish (F722 – LRW1)
D&T: Product Design (PROD1) Maths (4722 – C2) Maths (4724 – C4) Maths (pilot G802 – MC2) Rel Studies (G571 – Philosophy of Religion) Rel Studies (G572 – Religious Ethics)	120m 90m 90m 90m 90m 90m	Tuesday 17th January		
Economics (ECON2) Drama & Theatre Studies (DRAM1A/B) French (FREN1) Geography (GEOG1)	75m 2 x 45m 120m 120m	Wednesday 18th January	105m 90m	Biology (BIOL2) Gov & Politics (GOVP2)
Business Studies (BUSS2) Geology (F792 – Rocks) Critical Thinking (CRIT2)	90m 105m 90m	Thursday 19th January	105m	Chemistry (CHEM2)
Physics (G482 – Electrons, Waves & Photons)	105m	Friday 20th January	90m 90m	Maths (pilot G804 – Statistics 1) Maths (4723 – C3)

23rd – 27th January 2012

Morning	length	Day and Date	length	Afternoon
Maths (4728 – M1) Maths (pilot G805 – Mechanics 1) Spanish (F724 – LRW2)	90m 90m 165m	Monday 23rd January	120m 90m 90m	Economics (ECON3) History (F964A – MdvI & Early Mod 1073-1555) History (F964B – Modern 1774-1975)
Geography (GEOG2) Government & Politics (GOV3A)	60m 90m	Tuesday 24th January	120m 75m	English Literature (F663) Physics (G484 – Newtonian World)
		Wednesday 25th January	90m	Maths (4732 – S1)
Business Studies (BUSS3)	105m	Thursday 26th January	105m	Chemistry (CHEM4)
		Friday 27th January	120m	Physics (G485 – Fields, Particles & Forces)

30th January – 2nd February 2012

Morning	length	Day and Date	length	Afternoon
		Monday 30th January	150m	Geography (GEOG3)
Economics (ECON4)	120m	Tuesday 31st January		
		Wednesday 1st February		
Geography (GEOG4A)	90m	Thursday 2nd February		