



29 November 2024

To Parents/Carers of all students in Year 13

The Sixth Form Team and teachers have been impressed with the positive focus and attitude shown by Year 13 students at the start of their final year in school. We would like to take this opportunity to share information about how we are supporting students to prepare for the mock exams, and support offered to students during this period.

Mock exams: 6 – 17 January

Please find attached below the timetable for the forthcoming Year 13 mock exams. Students will receive a more detailed timetable in due course, including which specific rooms their exams are in and additional information where students may have clashes.

The mock exams provide an excellent opportunity for students to experience the process of sitting full exam papers as they will do in the summer. The process enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding, and also allows students to identify gaps in knowledge and skills and to prioritise areas of focus in preparation for the summer. It is essential that they approach these exams in a serious and focused manner.

In order for students to have the opportunity to prepare in the best possible way for their examinations, students will have home study leave from 6 - 17 January and are only required to come into school for their exams. Study areas in school will, however, be open if students would prefer to come in to school to work, or for students who may need to wait for buses after an exam and need somewhere to study. Students studying design subjects will have fewer written examinations and are therefore strongly encouraged to come into school to use the studio space and equipment during the mock period.

As all exams will be conducted under formal exam conditions, there must be silence upon entering and leaving the exam room as well as during the exam. Students must not take any type of device into the exam room, such as a mobile phone or smart watch. Bags and devices must be left in the bag room in advance of an examination. All writing equipment must be in a clear, see-through pencil case or plastic bag and any water bottles must be clear/see through, without no writing on them and have any labels removed. Students must conform to the Sixth Form dress code for all exams.

Academic support for mock exams

Throughout the half term, subject teachers will continue to cover content for the course within lessons. In addition to home learning tasks, teachers have been setting formal revision activities on a weekly basis to provide a clear focus for independent study time in preparation for the mocks.

A number of revision sessions are running on a weekly basis, either at lunch time or after school. These sessions are publicised in the bulletin each week. In the final week of the term, teachers will help students to consolidate their revision and help them to plan their time effectively over the Christmas break, so they are prepared for the exams in the New Year.

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In addition, students have had a Tuesday morning Progression assembly focused on effective revision strategies, including a suggested revision timetable document which students can personalise. Preparation continues on a one-to-one basis through a series of individual meetings between members of the Sixth Form Team and identified students. The purpose of these meetings is to unlock barriers to learning through building confidence and improving study habits to support them in achieving their full potential.

Wellbeing and progression support

We understand that this can be a stressful time for students. Form Tutors and Student Support Managers remain the first point of contact for students if they have any questions or concerns. The weekly bulletin also contains several resources including useful websites which provide information about managing exam stress and maintaining positive mental health.

A large number of university and apprenticeship applications have been submitted by students and we ask that they remain patient whilst we make the final checks before formally submitting the application to UCAS. Students who are in the process of completing an application are encouraged to submit these as soon as possible in order that the checks can take place in advance of final submission. Our independent Careers Advisers, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Wainwright, are also available to meet with students to discuss career options beyond the Sixth Form.

Public examination results

The provisional dates of A Level and Btec external examinations are 12 May – 23 June. We will inform you of the confirmed dates when these have been published. To help with any forward planning, we are able to let you know that A Level and Btec results will be published on 14 August 2025. Results for EPQs, some Btec topics, and GCSE re-sit exams will be published on 9 January 2025.

Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 December	Medical conference for applicants to medical, dentistry and veterinary courses
Monday 6 January to Friday 17 January	Internal 'mock' exams and external unit exams for some applied courses
Monday 20 January	Full timetabled lessons resume
Tuesday 25 February	Parent Consultation Evening, 4pm – 7pm. This event will be held in school

Please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team if you have any questions or concerns about the term ahead: HGSsixthform@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

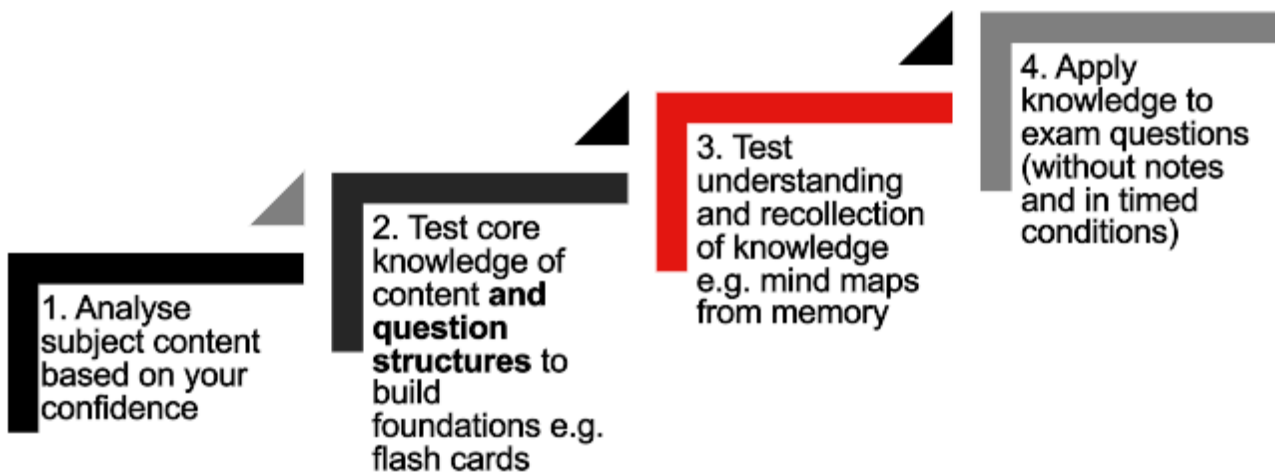
We wish students all the very best in their preparation for their mock examinations.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Twitchin
Director of Sixth Form

The four steps to effective revision



KS5 INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS - WEEK 1

		Monday 06/01			Tuesday 07/01			Wednesday 08/01			Thursday 09/01			Friday 10/01		
		Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length
Session 1 9:00am	1	Sociology A Level 7192/01	85	120mins	History A Level 7042/01	22	150min	Business Studies A Level 9BS0/01	64	120mins	Biology A Level 7402/01	50	120mins	Physics A Level 7408/01	35	120mins
		Music A Level 72721M	1	150mins	Product Design: Written 7551/W	11	150 mins	English Language A Level: Language, the Individual and Society 7702/01	30	150mins	Geography A Level: Physical Geography 7037/01	64	105 mins	L3 Mathematical Studies (Core) 1350/01	87	90Mins
		Spanish A Level: Written 7692/02	9	120mins	Economics A Level: Micro 7136/1M	71	120mins	English Literature A Level: Paper 1 7712/01	26	180mins	French A Level: Written 7652/02	6	120mins	Chinese GCSE Listening & Reading Higher 8673/L/RH	3	110mins
		German A Level: Written 7662/02	9	120mins	A Level Photography P1 to 2	27	300 mins	BTEC Perf Arts Unit 1 Part B (Y12)		180 mins	BTEC Business - Unit 2 Dev a Markt Campgn - Part B 9:00pm start	37	180 mins	A Level Graphics P1 to 2	13	300 mins
					BTEC Perf Arts Unit 1 Part A (Y12)		180 mins	BTEC Sport Unit 2 Fitness Train. & Prog. 09:15 start	28	150 mins				BTEC Sport Unit 1 Anat & Phys 09:15 start	42	90 mins
Session 2 12:00 PM				AQA Functional Skills Maths L2 Paper 1	6	30 mins										
				A Level Photography P3 to 4	27	300 mins								A Level Graphics P3 to 4	13	300 mins
Session 3 1:15pm		Psychology A level 7182/01	81	120mins	Mathematics A Level: Pure P1 9MA0/01	55	120mins	NO INTERNAL EXAMS SCHEDULED			Chemistry A Level 7405/01	41	120mins	Psychology A Level 7182/02	81	120 mins
		Politics A Level 9PLO/01	16	120mins	Mathematics A Level: Pure P1 9MA0/1F (F Maths)	22	120mins				Religious Studies A Level A120/01 Buddhism	12	120mins	Further MathsA Level: Pure 9FM0/01	22	100 mins
				AS Mathematics: Pure 8MA0/01 Y12	10	90mins	Computer Science Paper 1				16	120 mins	A Level Graphics P5 to 6	13	300 mins	
				A Level Photography P5 to 6	27	300 mins	A Level Media Studies Paper 1				25	120 mins				
				AQA Functional Skills Maths L2 Paper 2	6	90 mins	BTEC Business - Unit 2 Dev a Markt Campgn - Part A 1:15pm start				37	120 mins	Digital Media Unit 1 External Exam 13:15 start	15	120 mins	

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Monday 13/01			Tuesday 14/01			Wednesday 15/01			Thursday 16/01			Friday 17/01			
Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	
9:00am Session 1	History A Level 7042/02	22	150mins	Drama A Level 9DR0/03	12	150 mins	English Language A Level: Language, Diversity and Change 7702/02	30	150mins	English Literature A Level: Paper 2B 7712/2B	26	150mins	French A Level: LRW 7652/01	6	150mins
	German A Level: LRW 7662/01	9	150mins	Economics A Level: Macro 7136/02	71	120mins	Computer Science 7517/02	16	120 mins	Physics A Level 7408/02	35	120mins	Business Studies A Level 9BS0/02	64	120mins
	Biology A Level 7402/02	50	120mins	Spanish A Level: (L-R-W) 7692/01	9	150mins	Product Design: Written Paper 2 7552/W	11	90 mins	Digital Media Unit 6 External Exam 09:15 start	15	120 mins	Further Maths A Level Internal Exam Mechanics 9FM0/3C	22	90 mins
	BTEC Business Personal & Business Finance	39	120mins	Religious Studies A Level Philosophy B120/02	12	120mins	Mathematics A Level: Pure 9MA0/2F (F Maths)	22	120mins	BTEC Music Unit 2 Preparation	15	180 mins	BTEC Music Unit 2 Assessment	15	300 mins
							A Level Art P1 to 2	26	300 mins						
12:0 Session 2 0pm						A Level Art P3 to 4	26	300 mins				BTEC Music Unit 2 Assessment		300 mins	
1:15pm Session 3	Chinese GCSE Writing Higher 8673/WH	3	80 mins	Politics A Level 9PL0/02	22	120mins	A Level Art P5 to 6	26	300 mins	Mathematics A Level: Stats & Mechanics 9MA0/02	55	120mins	Chemistry A Level 7405/02	41	120mins
	Geography A Level: Human Geography 7037/02	64	105 mins	Sociology A Level 7192/02	85	120mins				Mathematics A Level: Stats and Mechanics 9MA0/3F (F Maths)	22	120 mins	Religious Studies A Level - Ethics B120/03	12	120mins
				Digital Media Unit 2 External Exam 13:15 start	15	120 mins				A Level Media Studies Paper 2	25	120 mins	BTEC Music Unit 2 Assessment		300 mins