



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 13 Mock Examinations – Monday 11 to Friday 22 March

I am pleased to be able to share with you the final details of the mock exams that your child will complete during the March mock exam period. These mock exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their A Level summer examinations. At Newstead Wood School we want to ensure that your child is fully prepared for the summer examinations and we hope that you will fully support us in delivering a successful mock examination period.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how A Level exams will run at Newstead Wood School. They will also enable students to practise their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision. These examinations will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support to be able to achieve their full potential during the Summer 2024 exam period. You can find the mock exam timetable enclosed which shows all written exams that will take place during the mock period.

Attendance

Throughout the academic year we promote the importance of attendance to all our students. During this mock examination period it is critical that Year 13 students attend school on time each day. However, we have listened to feedback from students who wanted to better understand how the Summer examinations would be, therefore if students do not have exams in the afternoon, they may go home at lunchtime. We will also be suspending afternoon registration for the duration of the mock exams.

We need to make it clear to students and parents/carers that it is important that students do not miss an exam or arrive late as they will not be able to sit the exam at a later date. Exam board protocols will also be followed in the event of a clash and students will be supervised between papers should this occur.

Revision Master Classes

Before every morning exam there will be a breakfast session starting at 8.15am. The revision breakfast is a fantastic opportunity for students to complete final preparations for each exam, including receiving a free hot bacon or sausage bun or croissant. This is an important part of preparing for each exam – just as we will do in the summer A Level exams – and we hope that every student takes up this opportunity, and benefits from the routine.

Exam Times

There will be two sessions: 9.00am and 1.30pm each day, exactly the same as for the public exams.

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Morning exams

Students with a morning exam should arrive at the Sports Hall (or Sixth Form Block) for 8.45am. Students must arrive at the exam room 15 minutes before the exam start time, with the correct equipment, and wait outside the venue for the exams briefing.

Students should ensure they check Arbor daily for the time and location of exams, in case of any changes.

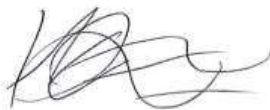
Expectations

Previous mock exams have followed the expectations of the school and of the national exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student.
- Students must not carry an electronic device – this includes mobile phones, headphones, and watches.
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case.
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area. These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications).
- All students are expected to come fully prepared to sit the examination, including bringing all writing and specialist equipment. Students must be in the appropriate Sixth Form dress code or they will be refused entry.
- Please read the JCQ candidates' information here carefully: [JCQ Candidates exam information 2023/24](#).

Student misconduct during actual A Level examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade. It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at hdalton@newsteadwood.co.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,



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