

KS4 - Spring Mock exams 2026

The mock exams form an integral part of the student's preparation towards their GCSE examinations and provide the opportunity for the students to experience what it is like to complete an assessment in a formal exam setting. These examinations allow students to demonstrate their learning and the application of this as they build towards the end of KS4 and KS5.

After half term we will begin the second round of mock examinations before the final summer exam programme. We do require all students to bring their full equipment to each examination. This includes a clear pencil case, at least two black pens, pencil, ruler, rubber and an exam card. Students will also require a calculator, compass and protractor for Science and Maths based subjects. If you need help purchase this equipment, then please let the relevant House team know, as they will then be able to provide exam kits to the student.

Please be aware that on Monday 2nd March all Year 11 students will be in an examination until 11:15am (or longer for those with exam access arrangements). As a consequence, they will have a 15-minute breaktime at the end of the exam (during period 3) but we will be asking students to bring a snack and drink for this breaktime as the canteen will not be open. Lunchtime will remain the same that day.

We have provided a list of reminders for students to support them in their preparation for the second set of mock exams.

Preparation before the exam

- ✓ Students should register with form tutors as normal first thing in the morning
- ✓ We advise all students to leave bags, coats, watches, phones and any other items that cannot be brought into the exam rooms in their lockers.
- ✓ If students have an exam in the Sports Hall or Main Hall they should line up in the correct row in silence with their student ID exam card, equipment in a clear pencil case and a drink in a clear bottle with all labels removed by 8:50am / 12:50pm. Students in other rooms should line up outside the exam room.
- ✓ Any final instructions for the examination will be given to students before the exam and each row will be sent into the exam room in silence.
- ✓ All students are advised to go to the toilet before each exam.
- ✓ Student ID and equipment will be checked before entering the exam room. Students will not be able to enter the exam room without their exam card or the correct equipment for the exam. If a student does not have the right equipment they may be sent back to their lesson and will be required to complete the exam at another time which may be after school.

In the exam room

- ✓ Students need to enter the exam room and find their seat in silence.
- ✓ Students will need to lift chairs silently to move them back to be able to sit on them.
- ✓ Exam cards must be placed on the desk for invigilators to check.
- ✓ Students must not look or communicate with other students.
- ✓ Instructions will be communicated by the invigilators and students will be told when to start the exam.

During the exam

- ✓ Students must focus on their own exam paper and complete as much as possible.
- ✓ If students need invigilator support, then they should raise their hand clearly and someone will come to support them.
- ✓ Toilet breaks are discouraged, as it can be disruptive for other students sitting the exam. However, if students need to leave the exam room for any reason, including to go to the toilet they need to raise their hand, and someone will escort them.
- ✓ Any time missed by using the toilet or other reason will be added to the finish time.
- ✓ If we feel that a student is not meeting the expected behaviour standards in the exam hall they will be given one reminder and then potentially removed from the exam hall in line with exam malpractice guidelines. Parents will be contacted and an investigation will take place.
- ✓ If a fire alarm starts students must remain in their seats and await further instructions for how and when to leave the exam room.

End of the exam

- ✓ Students will be informed about the end of the exam by the invigilators.
- ✓ Students should remain silent whilst all exam papers are collected by the invigilators.
- ✓ Students will be released row by row to leave the exam hall.
- ✓ Other exams may still be running so it is vital that students move their chair silently and leave the exam room in silence.
- ✓ Students will be given guidance to confirm where they should go at the end of the exam. If the exam finishes close to breaktime or the end of the day students will move to the Dining Hall where they will be supervised.

All information about student exams will be on their Bromcom app.

Finally, if a student misses an exam, we will be running planned catch-up slots which are marked on the overview timetable. These will take place in the sports hall during the mock programme or after school if needed.

If you have any further questions about the examinations next term, please don't hesitate to contact the House teams who will be happy to support you.

Kind regards



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