

A2 Mock Exam Week – Information for Parents’/Carers’

Mock Exam week (w/b Monday 19 February)

In preparation for final A level exams this summer, students will greatly benefit from experiencing a formal exam for each of their A levels in February.

To enable mock exams to take place during one week, there will be an adjustment to the College timetable for **all students**. Students have been informed of this in tutorial and, two weeks beforehand, we will be taking all students through the planning of their individual lesson schedule for mock exam. Lessons will be at slightly different times for the week, with one double lesson of 3 hours and one normal lesson of 90 minutes, instead of the usual three 90 minute lessons.

The benefit to sitting mock exams for students are:

- a) Experience of and practice for the longer, A level standard exams
- b) Assessment and feedback of performance in examination conditions, in time to inform opportunities to focus on any areas for development

The mock exams will be taking place in the longer, double lesson, and will occur across the week. We will be asking and expecting all students to prepare thoroughly, practice their revision strategies and to avoid sharing exam content with others. We anticipate that students will respond conscientiously and will want to genuinely understand how they perform in a simulated exam, to inform themselves of areas on which they need to focus and prepare for the final exams this summer.

Access arrangements and support for students with additional learning needs will be in place, including extra time.

Instead of a whole group tutorials during the week, the focus will be on targeted one-to-ones, meeting with specific students who need additional guidance, such as wellbeing and progress checks or destinations and transfer advice.

Please note that there will be no loss in teaching time for this week, just a slightly altered structure to allow for the longer exams to take place within lessons.