



The Crossley Heath School

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Year 13 Mock Examinations

Monday 17th – Wednesday 26th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The Year 13 mock examinations will take place in the period **Monday 17th January – Wednesday 26th January 2022**. Students will receive a copy of the attached exam timetable via their school email.

For this period of mock examinations lessons will be suspended and students will only need to attend school for their exams. During this time, students will be given study leave to revise and prepare at home and will only be required to attend school for the sessions when they have an exam but must swipe in and out as usual when they arrive and depart. The conference room and study room will be open to those who wish to study in school, and they will need to swipe in and out as usual prior to using these rooms to study. Subject staff can be contacted via their e-mail as normal during this period if students require any last-minute help in preparing for the exams. Normal lessons will resume on Thursday 27th January.

Each day there are two exam slots: 8:45am and 1:10pm and students must arrive prior to these times in order that the exams can begin promptly. Students with Access Arrangements will sit their exams in a different room and some may have a bespoke timetable in order to accommodate their needs. In these cases, students will have these arrangements confirmed separately by Miss Gillespie.

If a student misses any papers because of illness or isolation, it is vital that the school is informed of any absence in the usual way. Once back in school appropriate arrangements may be made so that the students can sit any missed exams.

I would ask that unless you hear otherwise our students should wear their face coverings/masks in their exams. Preferably these should be ones brought in from home and not disposable ones obtained in school as this is producing a very large amount of unrecyclable waste which has a large environmental impact. Over the Christmas break we are reviewing the school policy regarding face coverings and any changes to this policy will be communicated as soon as possible.

The Year 13 mock examinations represent an important opportunity for students to practise key skills such as time management, revision skills, personal organisation and discipline, which will all be essential for their success in the summer exams. It is important that all students revise thoroughly for their exams if they are to use the experience as effective preparation for the final summer exams.

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I would also like to draw your attention to the contingency plans for summer 2022 examinations. Ofqual have stated that in the event that Summer 2022 exams cannot go ahead, students' grades will instead be determined by their teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) approach which will be broadly similar to the approach taken by the school last year. Therefore, in the event that summer exams do not go ahead, students' performance in these mock examinations will be used as part of the evidence base for the award of TAGs.

Thank you very much for your continued support as we work together to help our fantastic Y13 students reach their full potential in the summer GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Stead – Associate assistant head teacher, dept. leader for Physics, Exams manager.