



12th December 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Mock Exams

I am writing to inform you of our Mock Examinations that will take place between Monday 2nd February and Friday 27th February (either side of half term). Mock Exams are an essential component of exam preparation for any qualification. They allow students to mimic the real exam experience under timed conditions, with exam standard questions. Mock Exams allow both students and teachers to gauge progress and identify where improvements need to be made.

It is imperative that all students are present for all of their timetabled exams, in line with the school's attendance policy. Whilst illness is unavoidable, please can you avoid making appointments during the school day to minimise disruption to your child's exams. Whilst we may be able to offer a limited number of catch up sessions, this may not be possible in all cases. It is worth noting, that during the summer exams, there will not be an opportunity to resit missed exams; absence, without a genuine reason, will result in students receiving a mark of zero for the paper that they have missed.

A full Mock Examination timetable has been sent along with this letter and students will be told, in the new year, when their individual timetables are live on Edulink One. Students should be preparing for their Mock Examinations by revising each section of the syllabus carefully.

Between now and the Mock Examinations, teachers will be working with students in class on pre-assessment tasks such as revision activities, past exam paper practice and extended writing practice. At home, students should be using a range of different revision resources such as Seneca Learning, as well as their class notes and different revision techniques, which they will be learning in the coming weeks and months. It is important that students are well prepared for these exams and have revised fully.

Students can also access revision support material on the school's Study Skills website. This can be accessed by clicking on the 'student' section of the school's main website and entering the following login details:

Email: studyskills@buckinghamschool.org Password: TBSstudyskills25

May I also take this opportunity to stress the importance that these Mock Examinations are carried out in strict examination conditions. I have included with this letter an updated candidate handbook which details all the school's examination related processes and provides links to all the latest JCQ rules and regulations. All students will be expected to have read and understood this before the examinations. These are the guidelines that the Joint Council of Qualifications (JCQ) ensures all accredited examination sites adhere to, which ensures consistency across the country.

The Mock Examination timetable, and all the JCQ documents, will also be posted on the School website and the Student study support page should you need to refer to these.

Should you have any questions regarding the Mock Examinations, please do not hesitate to contact exams@buckinghamschool.org who will do their best to help you.

Yours faithfully,

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