



Princethorpe  
College

# Year 13 Mock Examinations

# Summer 2023 & Mocks

- Examinations are back to normal
- Mocks are not the real thing
  - (but they work best if we pretend they are)
- Learning is the actual goal
- We want you to succeed
  - (but sometimes that means making things difficult)

# Your A-level Timeline

(2 weeks)

- Christmas
- **First Set of Mocks**

(6 weeks)

- Half Term
- **Second Set of Mocks**

(3 weeks)

- Easter

(4 weeks)

- Exam leave
- **A-levels begin**

**15 Teaching  
Weeks Left**





# The Mocks – Key Information



- Start Wednesday 4 January
- You will be emailed your final timetable (and will receive a paper copy) before Christmas.
- Read them carefully so you know what exams are coming up
- If anything seems incorrect, tell us **immediately**



# General January Exam Timetable

	Wednesday 4 Jan		Thursday 5 Jan		Friday 6 Jan	
08:50 start	English Language & Literature	3hrs	Drama	3hrs	Sports Education	2hrs
	English Literature	3 hrs	Geography	2h 15	Politics	2hrs
	Chemistry	2hrs	Further Maths	2hrs	Product Design	2hrs
	Economics	2 hrs	Psychology	2hs	Sociology	2hrs
					Art	Double period
Break / revision after end of exam						
Lunch						
Early starts to allow 15:45 end (where possible)	Law	2hrs	Computer Science	2h 30	History	2h 30
	Mathematics	2hrs	Biology	2hrs	Physics	2hrs
	Business	2hrs	RS (Philosophy & Ethics)	2hrs	Photography	Double period
			Business BTEC	2hrs	Textiles	Double period

Individual timetables which resolve clashes will be issued before the end of term

# The Mocks – Key Information



- January mocks exams are in the **Sixth Form Atrium** and the **Clarkson...**
- ...**unless** you have access arrangements. This will be indicated on your timetable with an 'AA'
- **If you have Access Arrangements, gather on the Pastoral Corridor**
- **Everyone needs to be in place by:**
  - **8:40**
  - **13:10 (or as stated on your timetable)**
- There is no study leave for January mocks

# The Mocks – Key Information



- Check **seating plans** – you will sit in your subject groups with those with those with extra time off to one side
- Make sure your **mobile phones** are switched off & **watches** are removed – these must be put in your bag, not in your pockets
- You will store your **bags** in the Sixth Form Common Room
- You can revise in the Sixth Form Resource Centre or Sixth Form Common Room during revision sessions or after an exam has finished
- Bring revision materials with you
- Refreshments will be available from The Refectory and Tuck Shop



# The Mocks – Key Information



- As closely as possible they will be **under exam conditions**
  - Official rules from JCQ...
  - Absolute silence in the exam room
  - Clear water bottles, no phones or watches
  - No writing on your skin
- You must get this right. In the real exams, breaching those rules could cost you an A-level...

# The Mocks – Key Information



## Information for candidates

Written examinations

With effect from 1 September 2022

**This document has been written to help you.  
Read it carefully and follow the instructions.**

**A. Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules**

# JCQ and Malpractice

- JCQ: The JCQ is the organisation that publishes the rules and regulations for public exams
- Malpractice: If you break any rules set by the exam boards or the JCQ, this is called malpractice.
- Anyone who commits malpractice will face sanctions imposed by the exam boards
- It is everyone's duty to report malpractice

# Examples

1. Copying or allowing work to be copied
2. Posting written work on social networks
3. Allowing others to help produce your work or you helping others with theirs
4. Failing to report to your school if you see any assessment information being shared online
5. Having notes during an exam – on paper or written on your skin
6. Being found with a mobile phone even if it is switched off
7. Having any electronic devices in the exam room

# Invigilators are there to support you

- Listen to the invigilator at all times; their announcement may include information about the paper e.g. questions to be answered, erratum notices, what to do in an emergency
- Follow the invigilator instructions e.g. when to stop writing, when to leave the room
- Communicate only with the invigilator
- If something is unclear or feels wrong – speak to the invigilator



The Exam Hall is not meant to be intimidating, but it is meant to be formal. We want to make the 'real thing' familiar by gradually increasing the formality:

- January Mocks
  - Shorter period
  - 1 exam per subject
  - No study leave
  - Familiar exam environment
- February Mocks
  - Longer period
  - 2 exams per subject
  - Study leave
  - Sports Hall for exams

# Revision Tip #1





What could you do next that  
would have most impact?





# Marginal Gains



- Go to bed earlier
- Drink more water
- Eat less junk food
- Eat more healthy food
- Turn screens off for an hour before bed
- Spend 15 minutes at the start of each week organising your workspace
- Write a to-do list at the start of each week and complete it
- Spend some time improving your physical fitness
- Spend 5 minutes organising your files each week
- Spend 5 minutes speaking to your teacher on how you could improve



Good Luck!