



Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 13 Mock Examinations – February 2026

I am writing to you in advance of our forthcoming second set of mock examinations for our Year 13 students. These examinations will take place over from Monday 23rd February to Wednesday 4th March 2026. This will be a very important opportunity for our Year 13 students to consolidate their learning, practise their exam skills and once again sit exams in a formal environment.

These mock exams will also provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2026 exam period.

Mock exam timetable

You can find the mock exam timetable [linked here](#) and on the school website under 'Exam Information'.

Individual timetables will be sent to both students and parents/carers at the beginning of February.

Preparation

As well as organised revision it is important that students remember the following:

- Have enough sleep the night before their exams
- Arrive for the examination at least 10 minutes before the start of the exam
- Are hydrated and have a good breakfast before coming to school. This will help with their concentration.

Attendance

Throughout the academic year we promote the importance of attendance and punctuality to all of our students. As Year 13 will be on study leave, it is essential that when they have an exam they arrive in enough time to sign in and drop off their coats and bags. This will enable an orderly and calm start for their exam. In the event that your child is unable to attend school on an exam day, please make school aware of the absence through the school Absence Line (01865 855378) or email: attendance@gosfordhillschool.org.



Further Considerations

As the afternoon mock exam session starts at 1:00pm, before the school lunchtime, students should make sure that they bring lunch with them. Students who access free school meals will be able to pick up a packed lunch either at the beginning of the school day or at first break if they do not have a morning exam. Some of the afternoon exam sessions extend beyond the end of the normal school day. In these instances, students should make sure that they have made prior arrangements for transport home if necessary.

Expectations

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal examination regulations laid down by JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) who oversee all public examinations, and how the A Level exams will run at Gosford Hill School in the summer. They will follow the expectations of the national exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area.

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ. Student misconduct during actual A Level examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade.

All students are also expected to be wearing their lanyards, and should ensure they have all basic equipment needed for exams, such as pens, calculators etc.

Thank you for your support. It is important that students once again experience the full formal exam conditions during these mock examinations, in order to develop their confidence and resilience so that they are fully prepared for their final A Level exams in Summer 2026. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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