

15 November 2023

#### To Parents/Carers of all students in Year 13

The Sixth Form Team and teachers have been impressed with the positive focus and attitude shown by Year 13 students at the start of their final year in school. We would like to take this opportunity to share information about how we are supporting students to prepare for the mock exams, and support offered to students during this period.

## Mock exams: 8 – 19 January

Please find attached the timetable for the forthcoming Year 13 mock exams. Students will receive a more detailed timetable in due course, including which specific rooms their exams are in and additional information where students may have clashes.

The mock exams provide an excellent opportunity for students to experience the process of sitting full exam papers as they will do in the summer. The process enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding, and also allows students to identify gaps in knowledge and skills and to prioritise areas of focus in preparation for the summer. It is essential that they approach these exams in a serious and focused manner.

In order for students to have the opportunity to prepare in the best possible way for their examinations, students will have home study leave from 8 - 19 January and are only required to come into school for their exams. Study areas in school will however be open, if students would prefer to come in to school to work, or for students who may need to wait for buses after an exam and need somewhere to study. Students studying design subjects, will have fewer written examinations and are therefore strongly encouraged to come into school to use the studio space and equipment during the mock period. Students can work independently in their own space, and teachers will be on hand to work with students during their normal timetabled lessons.

All exams will be conducted under formal exam conditions, therefore there must be silence upon entering and leaving the exam room as well as during the exam. Students must not take any type of device into the exam room, such as a mobile phone or smart watch. Bags and devices must be left in the bag room in advance of an examination. All writing equipment must be in a clear, see-through pencil case or plastic bag and any water bottles must be clear/see through, without no writing on them and have any labels removed. Students must conform to the Sixth Form dress code for all exams.

### Academic support for mock exams

Throughout the half term, subject teachers will continue to cover content for the course within lessons. In addition to home learning tasks, teachers will be setting formal revision activities on a weekly basis to provide a clear focus for independent study time in preparation for the mocks.

A number of revision sessions are running on a weekly basis, either at lunch time or after school. These sessions are publicised in the bulletin each week. In the final week of the









term, teachers will help students to consolidate their revision and help them to plan their time effectively over the Christmas break so they are prepared for the exams in the New Year.

In addition, students have had a Tuesday morning Progression session dedicated to study skills and revision techniques. This work continues on a one-to-one basis through a series of individual meetings between members of the Sixth Form Team and identified students. The purpose of these meetings is to unlock barriers to learning through building confidence and improving study habits to support them in achieving their full potential.

# Wellbeing and progression support

We understand that this can be a stressful time for students. Form Tutors and Student Support Managers remain the first point of contact for students if they have any questions or concerns. In the final week of term, students will participate in a session led by a representative from the charity CALM, focusing on managing stress and anxiety around exams. The weekly bulletin also contains several resources including useful websites which provide information about managing exam stress and maintaining positive mental health.

A large number of university and apprenticeship applications have been submitted by students and we ask that they remain patient whilst we make the final checks before formally submitting the application to UCAS. Students who are in the process of completing an application are encouraged to submit these as soon as possible in order that the checks can take place in advance of final submission. Our independent Careers Adviser, Mrs Mitchell email <a href="MitchellK@hgs.rklt.co.uk">MitchellK@hgs.rklt.co.uk</a> is also available to meet with students to discuss career options beyond the Sixth Form.

## **Public examination results**

The provisional dates of A Level and Btec external examinations are 13 May – 24 June. We will inform you of the confirmed dates when these are published. To help with any forward planning, we are able to let you know that A Level and Btec results will be published on 15 August 2023. Results for EPQs, some Btec topics, and GCSE re-sit exams will be published on 11 January 2024.

**Upcoming dates** 

Date	Event
Wednesday 29 November	Medical conference for applicants to medical, dentistry and veterinary courses
Monday 8 January to Friday 19 January	Internal 'mock' exams
Monday 22 January	Full timetabled lessons resume
Tuesday 27 February	Parent Consultation Evening, 4pm – virtual
	event

Please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team if you have any questions or concerns about the term ahead: HGSsixthform@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

We wish students all the very best in their preparation for their mock examinations.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Twitchin
Director of Sixth Form

KS5 INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS - WEEK 1															
	Monday 08/01			Tuesday 09/01			Wednesday 10/01			Thursday 11/01			Friday 12/01		
	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length
Session 1 9:00am	Psychology A level 7182/01		120mins	Business Studies A Level 9BS0/01		120mins	Physics A Level 7408/01		120mins	Geography A Level: Physical Geography 7037/01		105mins	Psychology A Level 7182/02		120mins
	Music A Level 7272W		150mins	French A Level: Written 7652/02		120mins	English Language A Level: Language, the Individual and Society 7702/01		150mins	English Literature A Level: Paper 1 7712/01		180mins	Computer Science Online Paper 7517/01		120 mins
	German A Level: Written 7662/02		120mins	History A Level 7042/01		150min	Politics A Level 9PLO/01		120mins	Spanish A Level: Written 7692/02		120mins	Chinese GCSE Listening & Reading Higher 8673/L/RH		105mins
							Product Design: Written 7551/W		150 mins	Biology A Level 7402/01		120mins			
							External Exam: BTEC Sport: Fitness Training & Programming Part B		150 mins						
	External Exam: Maths Functional Skills P1		30mins	External Exam: English Reading Functional Skills		60mins	External Exam: BTEC Performing Arts: Investigating Practitioners Work Part B		180 mins	External Exam: BTEC Business - Developing a Marketing Campaign Part B		180mins	External Exam: BTEC Sport Anatomy& Physiology		90 mins
Session 2 12:00 pm							L3 Mathematical Studies (Core) 1350/01		90Mins						
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	Sociology A Level 7192/01		120mins	Mathematics A Level: Pure P1 9MA0/01		120mins				Chemistry A Level 7405/01		120mins	Sociology A Level 7192/02		120mins
	Sociology A Level 7192/1Y		120 mins	AS Mathematics: Pure 8MA0/01 Y12 & Y13		120mins		NO EXAMS TO BE SCHEDULED				120mins	Further MathsA Level: Pure 9FM0/01		100 mins
Session 3 1:30pm				Mathematics A Level: Pure P1 9MA0/1F (F Maths)		120mins	NO EXAMS TO BE					120mins			
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	External Exam: Maths Functional Skills P2		90 mins	External Exam: English Writing Functional Skills		60mins	External Exam: BTEC Business - Developing a Marketing Campaign Part A		120mins						

KS5 INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS - WEEK 2															
	Monday 15/01			Tuesday	16/01		Wednesday 17/01			Thursday 18/01			Friday 19/01		
	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length	Subject	Cands	Length
Session 1 9:00am	Religious Studies A Level B120/02 Philosophy		120mins	German A Level: LRW 7662/01		150mins	Further Maths A Level Internal Exam Mechanics 9FM0/3C		90 mins	Computer Science 7517/02		120 mins	L3 Mathematical Studies (Core) 1350/02		90mins
	Physics A Level 7408/02		120mins	History A Level 7042/02		150mins	English Language A Level: Language, Diversity and Change 7702/02		150mins	Economics A Level: Macro 7136/02		120mins	Mathematics A Level: Pure 2 9MA0/3F (F Maths)		120 mins
	English Literature A Level: Paper 2B 7712/02		150mins	Drama A Level 9DR0/03		150 mins	Product Design: Written Paper 2 7552/W		90 mins	Spanish A Level: (L-R-W) 7692/01		150mins	French A Level: LRW 7652/01		150mins
	External Exam: BTEC Business - Personal & Business Finance		120 mins												
2 (							Geography A Level: Human Geography 7037/02		105mins						
Session 2							Chinese GCSE Writing Higher 8673/WH		80 mins						
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	Mathematics A Level: Stats & Mechanics 9MA0/02		120mins	Business Studies A Level 9BS0/02		120mins				Religious Studies A Level B120/03 Ethics		120mins	Chemistry A Level 7405/02		120mins
_	Mathematics A Level: Stats & Mechanics 9MA0/2F (F Maths)		120mins	AS Maths - Y12		90Mins				Biology A Level 7402/02		120mins	Politics A Level 9PL0/02		120mins
Session 3	Mathematics AS Level: Stats & Mechanics 8MA0/02		75mins	L3 Mathmatical Studies - Y12		90Mins	NO EXAMS TO BE SCHEDULED								
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