



February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Trial Exams

Year 10 trial exams will take place in the week of 16 – 20 March. Trial exams are an important part of preparing students for the experience of sitting formal exams as well as an opportunity to assess students' knowledge, understanding and skills under exam conditions.

Your child can view the skeleton timetable for trials week on frog, and, after half term, you will receive information on how to access your child's individual exam timetable via our exams portal. Exams will take place straight after morning registration and at 1.30 pm. At all other times, lessons will continue as normal. There are no written exams in trial week for art, textiles, photography or performing arts.

After half term, class teachers will provide students with information about what to revise in order to prepare for each exam. In addition, students will be set revision home learning tasks from Monday 2 March. We really value your support in ensuring your child completes their home learning to ensure they are well prepared for their trial exams.

It is very important that students arrive each day with the equipment they need for each trial exam. Students will be told in assembly what this equipment is and, if they are unsure, they should ask their tutor and/or class teacher. It is important to be aware that there will not be enough spare equipment to lend to students who come without the required equipment for an exam.

Please see below for a summary of the exam equipment students are expected to bring for each exam. Please note that if students bring a clear water bottle into the exam it must not be coloured and must not have a label. Please also note what students are not allowed to bring into the exam rooms. In addition, no tissues are allowed. The exams team have tissues if required.



Our exams team run our trial exams as closely as possible to the real GCSE exams and, as a result, we have very high expectations for the conduct and behaviour of students during exams. These expectations will be clearly explained to students in assembly and tutor time.

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Following trial exam week, papers will be marked by class teachers who will then provide feedback to students to support them to make progress. You will receive a summary of their results.
I wish your child all the very best in these trial exams and look forward to sharing in their successes.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clara Mason
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