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Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 12 Trial Exams

Year 12 AS and CTEC trial exams will take place on **Monday 23 March** and all other Year 12 trial exams will take place from **Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 April**. 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. Furthermore, they will form part of the evidence used to provide UCAS predicted grades.

Exams will take place at 9.00 am or at 1.30 pm and students should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time of their exam. Please check the parent portal for AS and CTEC trial exam seating and timings. Where students have an afternoon exam for AS or CTEC, they can choose to complete an absence form and miss their lessons that morning.

Students and parents/carers will be emailed soon with details of the seating for all other Year 12 trial exams. **From Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 April inclusive, students will have study leave and will therefore not have to attend tutor time or lessons.** Students are welcome to study on site and for Health and Safety reasons they should sign in using the folder in the Sixth Form foyer. Subjects without a written exam element will have a trial exam at a later date (Art, Photography, Textiles).

This week, students have had an assembly outlining the expectations and timings for trial exams as well as guidance on trial exam revision. Class teachers have provided students with information about what to revise in order to prepare for each exam and all home learning will now be revision tasks. We really value your support in ensuring your young person 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 have been told in assembly what this equipment is and, if they are unsure, they should ask their 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 A Level exams and, as a result, we have very high expectations for the conduct and behaviour of students during exams.

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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.

I wish your young person all the very best in these trial exams and look forward to sharing in their successes.

Yours sincerely



Rose Haywood  
Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form


**What you will need:**

- a clear pencil case
- at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable
- an approved calculator for relevant exams
- appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
- a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label



**What you cannot take into exams:**

- any type of phone
- revision notes
- any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)



<https://amzn.eu/d/7thmR1U> Details of the exams approved calculator can be found using this link.