

11/11/2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 12 students will not be sitting mock exams this academic year. Instead, each department will be conducting assessments in class. This decision has been taken by subject leaders as, for many subjects, a one-hour assessment in January was often not the best way to prepare students for their end of year UCAS exam.

For details of any in class assessments, students should liaise with their subject teacher. The two exceptions to this are the public examinations for students studying for a Sport BTEC, and Large Cohort Assessments. For these, please see the Mock Examination Timetable which can be found in the Parents section of the website - [2024-2025 Public Examinations](#).

### Sports BTEC

Year 12 students have two public examinations in January 2025. Students will be given the day before each exam as study leave as per our standard Public Exams procedure. A reminder of the JCQ regulations can be accessed [here](#). Students will also be exempt from any Large Cohort Assessments to allow them to focus on their Public Examination. They should liaise with their subject teacher for any missed Large Cohort Assessments.

### Large Cohort Assessments

Chemistry, Economics, Maths or Further Maths and Physics will be running a Large Cohort Assessment in the Queen's Hall on Monday 7th January. As these departments have large numbers of students and multiple sets, it is impractical for these assessments to be conducted in class.

Each of these four exams will be one-hour in length and will be conducted during a double period within the normal school day. Students should attend their assessment(s), and then return to their normal school timetable for all other periods.

Kind regards

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