

7 January 2022

Dear Year 13 Students and Parents/Carers

Year 13 Examinations (31 January - 10 February 2022)

We are writing to provide details of the Year 13 examinations. These examinations will ensure students have further experience of the format of A Level examinations. They will also provide valuable feedback for students and teachers that will guide teaching and revision in the final months before the actual A Level examinations. In the event that public examinations are canceled this year, the results of these examinations will be considered as part of the overall grading process.

During the period Monday 31 January to Thursday 10 February students will be on study leave. Students are only required to attend school for the examinations. However, the study facilities in the Sixth Form, with the exception of the Conference Centre, will be available at all times. When in school, either for an examination or to revise, students must sign in and out so that we are aware of who is on the school site.

The timings of the examinations are:

- All morning examinations start promptly at 8.45am. Students must be at their examination room by 8.30am.
- All afternoon examinations start promptly at 1.15pm. Students must be at their examination room by 1.00pm.

Please note that, for this period, the school lunch break will be 12.20 - 1.20pm, allowing students to have lunch before their examination. Please be aware that some examinations may run past the end of the school day (as is the case during public examinations). Unfortunately, it is not possible to hold the school buses past 3.30pm; where necessary, students should ensure they make appropriate arrangements to get home.

The full examination timetable can be found at the end of this letter. Students will also be issued with a personal examination timetable showing the date and time of their examinations, the examination room and their seat number. Any changes to the time of examinations (for example, due to an examination 'clash' or to facilitate access arrangements) will be shown on the student's personalised timetable. Students must take careful note of the time and location of all their examinations and see Miss Roberts, Examinations Officer, if they have any questions.

Any student who has **access arrangements for examinations** will receive a student notification form by 11 January; these will be distributed by email. If you believe your child should have access arrangements but they do not receive a notification form, or if any information on the notification form is incorrect, please contact Mrs van Rooij (j.vanrooij@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) by noon on 14 January. Any query/information received after this date is unlikely to result in any changes to arrangements for the Year 13 examinations.

We hope students are now familiar with the procedures for examinations. However, we thought it would be helpful to highlight some key points.

• Students must ensure they bring all the required equipment for the examination. Only clear pencil cases may be taken into the examination room. Water bottles must have their labels removed.





- No electronic equipment (mobile phones, MP3 players, iPods, etc) may be taken into the examination room. No watches must not be worn in an examination room. Students are advised to leave valuables at Reception.
- If for any reason a student is absolutely unable to attend an examination, or will be unavoidably late for an examination, please contact Mrs Smith on 01923 665715 or by e-mailing <u>k.smith@parmiters.herts.sch.uk</u>. Information regarding the rescheduling of missed examinations is given in the school's Examination Policy, available on the school website. Please be aware that if any examination is sat at a different time to the rest of the cohort, it may not be possible to use the outcome as evidence in the event of a teacher assessment grading process.

Should students be required to self-isolate over this examination period, arrangements may be made for students to sit the tests remotely or upon their return to school. These arrangements will be made in consultation with the relevant Heads of Department, as there is a necessity to balance the importance of sitting the examinations with students missing lesson time in February/March. If the contingency arrangements of teacher assessment are used for the grading of A Levels in Summer 2022, the outcomes of these trial examinations may be used in the grading process. However, please be assured that no one piece of work will determine a student's final grade.

In the (hopefully unlikely) event that the outcomes of these assessments need to be used as part of a teacher assessment grading process, we are giving students the opportunity to make us aware of any extenuating circumstances that may have affected their performance in these recent assessments. If students believe that their performance may have been affected by an event that was outside of their control at the time of, or immediately before, the assessment (such as illness, family crisis or bereavement), then you need to make us aware via this Google form by Friday 11 February 2022. This information will not be used to adjust your mark at this time, but will be taken into consideration if A Level examinations are canceled and we are required to use this assessment as part of the grading process.

Yours sincerely

Ms G Absalom Assistant Headteacher

Year 13 Internal Exam Timetable - Monday 31 January to Thursday 10 February 2022		
Monday 24 January	French Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Translation (2 hrs 30 mins) PERIODS 2 AND 3 (and just into 4)	
Friday 28 January	German / Spanish Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Translation (2 hrs 30 mins) Drama Paper 1 (3 hrs)	
Note: change of timings of lessons and lunch this week & next	Exams start at 8.45am Candidates should be at their exam room at 8.30am	Exams start at 1.15pm Candidates should be at their exam room at 1.00pm
	Photography (5 hrs)	
Monday 31 January	German & Spanish Paper 2: Film & Literature (2 hrs) Computer Science Paper 1: Computer Systems (2 hrs 30 mins)	Physics Paper 1 (2 hrs)
	Mathematics (ALL) Paper 1: Pure (2 hrs)	Chemistry Paper 1 (2 hrs)
Tuesday 1 February	Music Component 1: Appraising Music (2 hrs 30 mins)	Politics Paper 1: UK Politics and core political ideas (2 hrs)
	Biology Paper 1 (2 hrs)	Economics Paper 1: Microeconmics (2 hrs)
Wednesday 2 February	French Paper 2: Film & Literature (2 hrs)	PE Paper 1: Factors Affecting Performance (2 hrs)
	English Literature Paper 1: Aspects of Tragedy (2 hrs 30 mins)	Further Mathematics Paper 1: Pure (2 hrs)
Thursday 3 February	Geography Paper 1: Physical Environments (2 hrs)	Psychology Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology (2 hrs)
Friday 4 February	History Paper 1: Breadth - USA & American Dream (2hrs 15mins) Sociology Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods 2 hrs)	Mathematics (ALL) Paper 2: Pure (2 hrs)
	Exams start at 8.45am Candidates should be at their exam room at 8.30am	Exams start at 1.15pm Candidates should be at their exam room at 1.00pm
Monday 7 February	English Literature Paper 2: Elements of Political and Social Protest Writing (3 hrs) Further Mathematics Paper 2: Pure & Mechanics (2 hrs)	Physics Paper 2 (2 hrs) Politics Paper 2: UK Politics & Political Idealogies (2 hrs)
	History Paper 3: Breadth & Depth - Tudor Rebellions (2 hrs 15 mins)	Mathematics (ALL) Paper 3: Statistics & Mechanics (2 hrs)
Tuesday 8 February	Sociology Paper 2: Topics in Sociology (2 hrs)	
	Geography Paper 2: Human Environments (2 hrs)	
	Economics Paper 2 Macroeconomics (2 hrs)	Chemistry Paper 2 (2 hrs)
Wednesday 9 February	PE Paper 2: Optimising Performance (2 hrs)	History Paper 2: Depth - South Africa Apartheid (1 hr 30mins)
	Biology Paper 2 (2 hrs)	Psychology Paper 2: Psychology in Context (2 hrs)
Thursday 10 February	Politics Paper 3: Comparative Politics - the USA (2 hrs)	Further Mathematics Paper 3: Pure & Statistics (2 hrs)
	Computer Science Paper 2: Algorithms and Programming (2 hrs 30 mins)	
Exams take place in the	e Conference Centre unless otherwise stated on personalised tim	netable.