

WOOD GREEN SCHOOL

Year 13



Mock Examinations Guidance 2015



Dear Student

This booklet contains instructions and guidance for the January mock examinations.

These mock examinations will provide you, and us, with valuable data about your progress; they will act as a key indicator of your likely success in the summer. For this reason it is important that the mock papers are a true representation of your ability. Therefore, I urge you to prepare in the same way as you would for national examinations in the summer.

Your results will be monitored very carefully. They will inform us and support our decision-making in a number of areas:

1. That you are secure and progressing well in your subject.
2. Areas of weakness where additional support is required.
3. In extreme cases these results could be used as evidence that your programme of study is inappropriate for you and must be changed.
4. Poor performance will result in a re-sit at a later date, the precise nature of which will be agreed with subject teachers.

A copy of the examination timetable is enclosed with this booklet.

Although this can be a stressful time, we are confident that, for the vast majority of you, these results will confirm that you are making excellent progress in your subjects and will boost your confidence ahead of the summer.

All results will be recorded centrally and will be available for collection at 1.15pm for A2 and 1.30 for AS results on Monday 9 February in the Common Room. Subject staff will be available to talk to, or will make an appointment to see you, if you wish.

Mrs C Whiting
Head of Sixth Form/Assistant Headteacher

Mr M Armstrong
Head of Years 12 and 13

Mock Examinations Week Procedure

Mock examinations week: **Week commencing Monday 12 January 2015**

During this week your normal registration sessions and timetabled lessons here (and at The Henry Box School) will be suspended. If you are taking a subject at HBS, you should attend the relevant mock examination there and should make your own way there or book a taxi in advance via Mrs Edwards.

Most examinations will be taking place in the main Hall and Common Room. A Notice to Candidates will be posted on the examination room doors, explaining all about the regulations.

Please arrive at the room 15 minutes early. Examinations normally commence:

- Morning papers 9.00am
- Afternoon papers 1.00pm
- Please see your timetable, as there are exceptions
- Lunch will be at 12.20pm every day this week (ie a Wednesday timetable) to accommodate examination timings

I would also ask that you be respectful of those students studying for / sitting their mock examinations, by ensuring that noise in the rest of Sixth Form Centre and Restaurant is kept to a minimum.

A2 Students - Re-sits

If you are re-sitting an AS examination in the summer and would like to take the mock AS examination, please turn up for the AS examination scheduled. If you are unable to do this because of examination timetable clashes, please speak to your teacher.

Absence from Mock Examinations

Should you be unwell on the day of an examination, please get in touch with the Sixth Form Office first thing in the morning, so that your mock can be re-scheduled for your return.

Contact information: Mrs Edwards 01993 899 524
sixthform@wgsnitney.org.uk

Timetable

Please check your individual candidate timetable carefully. If there are any mistakes (eg name, or an incorrect or missing subject), you must contact Mrs Pitt, Examinations Manager in the Main Office immediately. It is your responsibility to check and then follow your timetable.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and electronic devices must be checked in and left in the main Office prior to the examination or left at home. Bags cannot be left in the examinations room containing these devices.

In the Examination Room

Once you enter the room you will be under examination conditions and you should not communicate with anyone other than an invigilator. Our invigilators all wear appropriate identification. Please make sure that you are in the correct venue and, most importantly, in the correct seat. If you have your timetable with you, this must be placed under the desk. You will not be allowed to leave the room from this point, without being escorted by an invigilator. If you do leave without supervision you may not be allowed back inside. You will not be allowed to leave the room early, even if you have finished, so please do not ask!

Arriving Late

If you are not in school for the start of an examination, we will try to contact you or your parent / carer to remind you where you should be. Please make your way to the examination room as quickly as possible after receiving such a telephone call. If you are late, come to Main Office as soon as you can and see Mrs Pitt or Mrs Kendrick.

Rooms

We try to ensure that you have the best possible conditions under which to take your examinations; most will take place in the Hall. Students with Access Arrangements will have specific arrangements detailed on their examination timetable.

Refreshments

You are allowed to bring a drink of water in a clear plastic bottle, with the label removed. However, you are NOT allowed to bring in any cans or cartons of drinks, chewing gum or any other food.

In Case of Emergency

Should the fire alarm go off, do not panic. Please follow instructions from the invigilator. You will be asked to leave the room in silence. Leave all equipment and paperwork in the room. You will still be under examination conditions during this time and you MUST NOT communicate with other students. Once the invigilator has given permission to return to the room, you will be given instructions. You must not start writing until the invigilator tells you to do so.

After the Examination

The invigilator will collect your papers before you leave the room. Silence must be maintained during this time. Question papers, answer booklets and additional paper must NOT be taken from the examination room.

You will be dismissed, row by row. There may be other examinations continuing, so please leave in silence as other students will still be working.

A2 Subject Specific Information

A2 Subject	Length	Information
Art and Design		No mock examination
Biology	1 ¼ hours	F2145 – Respiration, Photosynthesis, Communication and Homeostasis, Excretion
Business Studies	2 hours 1 hour 2 hours	F293 – Marketing and resit of either F291 with Yr 12 or Resit of F292
Chemistry	1 hour 40 mins	Unit 4

A2 Subject	Length	Information
Drama & Theatre Studies		No mock examination
Design Tech: Product Design		No mock examination
Economics	2 hours	A whole past Transport paper F584
English Language and Literature	2 ½ hours	Complete ELLA3 paper
English Literature	2 hours	Paper covering 2 Section A questions on 'The Pastoral'
Film Studies	1 hour 50 mins	Part of the Issues and Debates paper
Geography	2 hours	Contested Planet – choose 3 questions from 6 topics
French & German	2 ¾ hours each	OCR Paper 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 listening tasks where you will have access to dialogues via headphones. Students will be able to stop and replay sections independently to complete the tasks • Reading questions may be in the form of multiple choice, finding synonyms, explaining the definition of a word, translating into English and answering questions in the French /German language • Writing is in the form of an essay of 250-400 words
Government and Politics	1½ hours	Topics: Liberalism and Socialism. Constitution and Congress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer one 45 mark question for ideologies, from a choice of 2. • Answer one 45 mark question for the USA, from a choice of two.
History	1 hour	Cold War. Answer one controversy question from a choice of two.

A2 Subject	Length	Information
Mathematics	1 ½ + 1 ½ hours	C3 and S2 or M2 paper
Mathematics Further	All papers are 1½ hours	S1 FP1 and FP2 papers
Music	2 hours	Aural/listening, analysis essays
Music Technology	2 hours	Practical production exam with an essay section based on the history of recorded music
Physical Education	2 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete topic on America, some on Australian culture • Energy and systems, EPOC and recovery, training methods and principles of training • Groups and teams, aggression, attribution achievement motivation
Physics	1 ½ hours	Capacitance. E Mag. Circular motion. Gravitational fields.
Psychology	2 hours	PSYA4: 2 hour paper covering Schizophrenia, addiction and research methods.
RS	1 ½ + 1 ½ hours	<p>Judaism: Topics - Holocaust theology; Land of Israel; Messianic Hope.</p> <p>Ethics: Two questions from a range of topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical theories • Business ethics
Sociology	1 ½ hours	<p>Inequalities paper (Dr Willis), You will be given ONE question to answer. The examiner will choose from either the Gender Inequality Unit or the Social Class Inequality Unit. NB, there is NO 25 mark research evaluation question on the mock)</p> <p>This will be in three parts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline the evidence for/that..... 20

A2 Subject	Length	Information
Sociology (continued)	1 hour	<p>marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline and assess the view/theory (40) • Using the source material and your wider sociological knowledge, outline and explain why _____ may be used in in sociological research (20) <p>Media paper (Mrs Ward): Answer two questions on topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ownership and control • Defining and researching the media • Social construction of the news

Examination times are for guidance only, please check the start time and actual length of paper, on your timetable