



Date: 20/10/2025

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the **Year 13 Autumn Term Assessments**.

The Year 13 Autumn Assessments play a vital role in supporting students' progress and future plans. They provide an early opportunity to measure how well students have retained and built upon their Year 12 learning, helping teachers identify strengths and areas for improvement. Importantly, they help students develop exam technique and focus their revision strategies, while enabling staff to plan targeted support where needed. By taking these assessments seriously, students lay strong foundations for success in their final year.

The first set of assessments will be held between **Monday 24 November – Wednesday 3 December 2025**. For the larger cohorts taking Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Psychology these will be sat in the Great Hall. The remaining subjects will be in classrooms where a timetable has been provided to help students prepare.

The assessments also provide an essential opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the format and content of A-Level examination papers. Students who have access arrangements (e.g. extra time, use of a laptop.) for external examinations will have the same arrangements in these assessments.

During the assessment period, students will not be allowed to take study leave. This means that they must attend school as normal so they can access their lessons and be best prepared for their studies.

Mobile phones, iPods and watches are NOT allowed in assessments under any circumstances. Students must be silent in the assessment room, face the front when seated and must not communicate with other students in any way. They should supply all of their own equipment (black pens, pencils, calculators etc.) and bring it to the assessment in a clear plastic bag or pencil case. A calculator is being promoted on exam board websites for GCE subjects (CASIO Fx-991 EX CLASSWIZ non-programmable calculator); it is advisable that you buy one for both internal and external examinations.

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In the run up to the assessments we would ask that you monitor your child's revision and provide a quiet area away from distractions for them to study.

These assessments play a significant role in shaping future opportunities, so it is essential that students are present and fully focused. We kindly ask that, wherever possible, medical or dental appointments are not scheduled during this period to ensure students can participate without disruption.

Finally, I would like to wish all students every success in this series of assessments.

Yours sincerely

Ms E J Kaufman
Head of Sixth Form

Date for your diary: Year 13 mock examinations (Sports Hall):
Monday 9 February – Friday 13 February 2026

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