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## Mock examinations for exam takers 2025

To parents and carers,

I hope you are looking forward to the festive season.

Personally, the New Year signifies the beginning of the final rundown towards the examination season and I for one am very excited. The next term is vital in regards to completing the curriculum content and consolidating key topic areas that could make the difference for your young person's final grades.

While I may be excited I am keenly aware that for the majority of exam takers this is an anxious time. To help alleviate some of the examination anxiety we will be running mock examinations in January. The purpose of these mock exams is two fold.

Firstly, it provides students with an exam experience; they'll be able to gain a sense of what it will be like in the summer term all the way from being read into the exam room, to the exam room layout, exam access arrangements and the resilience required to complete an exam paper.

Two of the mocks will be taking place as early morning exams (see details below) and will provide an experience of an earlier start to the day. We will be contacting relevant transport services but if you provide your own transport please ensure that they arrive at school at **08:30** for a **09:00** start. If you have any issues with transport please let us know so that we can look into alternative arrangements.

Secondly, the mock examinations will provide us with valuable insight into current levels of attainment within each subject. We can then identify areas for development so that they can achieve their potential. It is important that all our exam takers apply themselves during the mock examinations so that we have a genuine picture of their current attainment as well as being able to accurately provide predicted grades to colleges and other future providers. Once the mocks are completed there will be a period of marking and analysis. Students will receive their grades in an exam envelope and I will also be sending a copy home so that you can see and celebrate their achievements.

## Mock exam details:

Date	Exam	Duration	Start time
Tuesday 14 January	English Language	2 hrs	12:30pm
Wednesday 15 January	Maths paper 1	1h 30mins	9am
Friday 17 January	Science paper 1	1h 15mins	12:30pm
Tuesday 21 January	Science paper 2	1h 15mins	9am
Wednesday 22 January	Maths paper 2	1h 30mins	12:30pm
Thursday 23 January	Science paper 3	1h 15mins	12:30pm
Friday 24 January*	Statistics*	1h 30mins	10 am

<sup>\*</sup> only applies to a select number of students who are taking this course.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me <a href="mailto:tom@thegreenroomschool.com">tom@thegreenroomschool.com</a>

Kind regards,

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