

30 November 2016

Dear Y13 Student and Parent/s

Y13 Mock Examinations 3 January – 6 January

This year we will be holding mock examinations for Year 13 in the week beginning 3 January. The exams have been carefully devised and developed by teaching staff so they represent as close an experience to the real exams, which also involves following examination protocols. Students will take all of their examinations in the learning community they are based at, except in the case of Music, Music Technology and Drama & Theatre Studies, which will be at the Learning Community where they are taught.

Year 13 students will be issued during tutor morning registration with an examination timetable outlining the time and location of their examinations. Examinations will start at 8.45am or 1.45pm and students will need to assemble in the Atrium at least 20min before the start time.

Year 13 students will be given study leave for the duration of the week, this means that students will not be expected to attend lessons during this time, please see exceptions below. However, the learning resource centre at both learning communities will be available to students, as well as the support of our Academic Mentors. Staff will be available in their normal lesson slots to see students who may need individual support. Some of our year 13s will have picked up new AS subjects this year. In these cases they will need to make sure that they still attend these lessons unless they have an exam scheduled.

I would like to take the opportunity to emphasise the importance of these mock exams. Students should now be starting to put a revision plan in place, and planning in consolidation time over the Christmas break. The results of these mock examinations will be carefully monitored and, in some cases of severe underachievement, we may need to review a student's programme of study.

A mock examination schedule is attached; it will also be posted on our website www.nbp16c.org.uk with revision guidance. Mock examination results and overall progress reports will be sent home in the week beginning 30 January 2017.

Arrangements for BTEC courses and Fine Art

Students in Year 13, will be expected to attend these classes during the mock examination period, unless they have an examination. A student whose programme consists of a mixture of these subjects will attend all lessons as per their usual timetable and will therefore not be entitled to study leave.



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Revision Strategies

The success of students at the North Bristol Post 16 Centre is down to the effective partnership between students, staff and parents, so I would ask you to do everything you can to support and encourage {{Forename}} in revising for the exams. In particular, try to encourage {{Him/her}} to:

- Start revision early
- Have a revision plan but leave plenty of blank spaces to allow for flexibility
- Sort out notes and discuss any problems with subject staff as soon as possible
- Not overdo it – leave time to relax or socialise as well, but try to separate the two so that time spent revising is really focused
- Not spend too much time on part-time paid employment
- Try to remove distractions – maybe have separate places for revising and relaxing
- Not just read through notes, but revise in an active way – maybe make notes from notes, do past papers or work with a friend to test each other
- Eat well
- Try to sleep well
- Not overdo revision the night before an exam

Teaching staff and tutors at both learning communities are here to support {{Forename}} as well, so it is really important that {{He/she}} sees them about any concerns.

Yours sincerely



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Year 13 Mock Exams – January 2017

Tuesday 3 January – Friday 6 January

	AM		PM	
Date	Subject	Length	Subject	Length
Monday 2 January				
Tuesday 3 January			Psychology Economics Computing Government & Politics Ancient History	2hr 2hr 2hr 2hr 2hr
Wednesday 4 January	History French Spanish Chemistry Drama Music Technology	1hr 30m 3hr 3hr 2hr 15m 2hr 30m 2hr	Media Studies (DVD) Religious Studies PE Maths Statistics Maths Mechanics	1hr 1hr 45m 1hr 1hr 30m 1hr 30m
Thursday 5 January	English Literature English Language English Language and Literature Pre-U Literature in English	2hr 30m 2hr 30m 2hr 30m 2hr 15m	Geography Further Maths ICT Sociology	1hr 20m 1hr 30m 1hr 2hr
Friday 6 January	German Business Studies Product Design Biology Film Studies	3hr 2hr 2hr 2hr 2hr 45m	Classical Civilisation Physics Dance Music AS Maths - Year 12 only	1hr 30m 2hr 15m 1hr 30m 2hr 1hr 30m

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Start time for all exams (unless otherwise stated): AM 08:45, PM 13:45



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