

March 2025

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please find information below regarding the Year 13 mock examination period in March.

Mock Examinations Monday 17th – Friday 21st March

The Year 13 mock examinations take place from 17th- 21st March. Students can access their personalised timetable on myhighcliffe and subject areas have told students which paper / area of their course will be sat during the exams. This is a great opportunity for students to experience exam conditions prior to summer and improve their exam skills. It will also help teachers to ascertain areas that students can be focusing on post mocks to give them every chance to succeed in the summer. In addition, the mock examinations will help students decide on what university offer to accept or apprenticeship to consider.

Study leave will be granted during this time period to allow students to fully focus on exam preparation and manage the demands placed on them. Students who take a BTEC / Cam Tech qualification, a Da Vinci subject, or have outstanding coursework will be required to continue attending those subject lessons around their exams to ensure they complete their course to the best of their ability. Lessons will recommence on Monday 24th March.

During the study leave period subject staff will be available on a drop-in basis in their normal classrooms during timetabled lessons. The study centre will remain open and available to students throughout the mock examination period. At this stage it is important that students are revising weekly, using retrieval strategies explored in tutor time and lessons, and making use of targets outlined in the recent parents evening.

Students have been given guidance on revision apps and how to create a robust revision plan to keep them focused and achieving in the run up to their exams.

Your help and support is greatly appreciated at this time.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Lee
Head of Year 13