



January Trial Examinations 2026

Year 11 / GCSE Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Year 11 Trial Examinations will take place from **Monday 5th January to Tuesday 13th January 2026**. These exams are designed to mirror the summer examination experience as closely as possible, helping students prepare effectively for their final assessments.

Venue and Conduct

- All examinations will be held in the Sports Hall, unless otherwise stated. Students with approved Access Arrangements will be informed of their alternative locations.
- To replicate the demands of the summer examinations, and in line with JCQ regulations, no “potential technology/web-enabled sources of information” are permitted in the exam room.
- Candidates must not have in their possession:
 - Mobile phones
 - Smart watches or watches of any kind
 - AirPods, earphones, or earbuds
 - MP3/4 players or similar devices
- Possession of any of the above items will be reported as malpractice and may lead to penalties. This is in accordance with *JCQ Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures (1 Sept 2025)*.
- Students are strongly advised not to bring such devices onto site during the exam period. If essential, they must be handed into Student Services before the start of an exam.
- Students will not always be in examinations. Where no exam is timetabled, students will be in their timetabled lessons, with their usual subject teachers.

Timetable and Attendance

- Students will receive a personalised exam timetable based on their subject entries.
- Exam start times:
 - Morning: 09:00
 - Afternoon: 13:30
- Students should arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

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- Some subjects have multiple papers - students must attend all components. Any issues should be discussed with subject teachers.
- In rare cases, exams may run beyond 15:35.
- A full timetable is available on the school website.

Study Leave

There is no study leave during the Year 11 trial exam period. Students are expected to be on site daily from 08:30.

No examination will finish after 15:30. Students will remain onsite until the end of the school day (15:35).

Access Arrangements and Special Consideration

- Students eligible for Access Arrangements (e.g., extra time or separate rooms) will have these confirmed in advance.
- If you believe your child may require support not already in place, please contact Mrs Cleaver (Access Arrangements Administrator) or Mrs Spencer (SENDCo) immediately.
- Special Consideration is a post examination adjustment to a candidate's mark or grade to reflect temporary injury, illness or other indisposition at the time of the examination/assessment.
 - Special Consideration may be applied if circumstances (e.g., illness or bereavement) affect performance. If such an issue arises, please contact the Exams Office immediately after the exam, providing any relevant documentation.
- Please note that in the summer examinations, in accordance with JCQ regulations, only the school can submit Special Consideration requests to the exam boards. The school welcomes information and support from parents/carer regarding information that may support any application.

Student Conduct and Preparation

We aim to replicate the full experience of the summer examinations. Students are expected to demonstrate maturity, focus, and respect throughout.

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of effective revision and appropriate conduct at home.

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Assembly and Further Information

A Year 11 assembly will be held on Friday 12th December to review the key details above and address any questions.

For any subsequent queries, students should speak to me, Mr Beaumont (Head of Year 11), or Mrs Round (Exams Officer).

All examination information is also available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

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All information regarding Examinations can be found [here](#)

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