

Year 13 Mock Examinations Series 2
Week commencing Monday 19th January 2026

The table below provides details of the second Mock Exam period that your child will be taking. They will receive revision material in lessons/online for these. We would value your support in ensuring that they are preparing for these.

- The purpose of the mock examinations is to give an indication of progress made by students
- Parents/carers and students will receive an **Assessment Report 2 via email on Friday 6th February 2026.**
- Parent, carers and students will then have an opportunity to talk to teachers about progress and attainment at **Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening on Thursday 12th February (3.45pm - 6.15pm)**
- To support revision students can purchase CPG A Level subject revision guides using this link <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/as-and-a-level>
- They should also use the subject specific Independent Study Guides produced by each department. These can be found on our website here: <https://www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk/sixth-form/advice-for-parents-copy/>

Subject	Summary of exam (type/length)	Topics/content/Revision tips and strategies
Biology	2 hour written paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photosynthesis - Respiration - Patterns of inheritance - Homeostasis - Plant hormones - Neuronal communication - Hormonal communication <p>OCR Specification</p>
Business	2 hours 15mins hour written paper Component 3	<p>Component 1 topics Component 2 topics</p> <p>Please use the link below: A+level+Business+Content+Checklist.docx (live.com)</p> <p>Also please revise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PESTLE • Change management • International trade • The European union <p>Use all the component 3 past papers provided in lesson and remember to use the Eduqas website to help you with revision for this Component 3 paper.</p>

		All the textbooks are already uploaded for you on Google classroom. Please revise from the textbooks as well.
Chemistry	2 hour written paper	<p>Organic chemistry 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Optical isomers ● Aldehydes and Ketones ● Carboxylic acids and Esters ● Aromatic Chemistry ● Amines ● Polymerisation ● Amino acids, Proteins and DNA ● Organic Synthesis ● NMR <p>Physical Chemistry 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thermodynamics ● Rate Equations ● The equilibrium constant ● Electrode potentials and cells <p>Specification</p>
English Literature	<p>Paper 1A Literary Genres: Aspects of Tragedy</p> <p>2 hours 30 minutes</p> <p>Written paper</p>	<p>Exam:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section A Extract based question on 'Othello' (approx 50 mins) 2. Section B Debate question on 'Othello' -choice of two (approx 50 mins) 3. Section C Choice of two debate questions on an aspect of tragedy in 'Death of A Salesman' and Keats poetry (approx 50 mins) <p>Preparation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise Othello, practice choosing an extract and planning ideas on the significance of the extract to the tragedy of Othello and Shakespeare's dramatic methods. 2. Revise key characters, themes and elements of tragedy and Shakespeare's dramatic methods in Othello. 3. Revise Death Of A Salesman, mindmap ideas on aspects of tragedy and Miller's dramatic methods. Consider aspects of tragedy and Keats' methods in the poetry studied so far. <p>Use past exam papers and mark schemes to practice: https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/a-level-english-literature/aqa-b-paper-1a/</p>
Geography	2 hours 30 minute written paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 hour (48 marks) Natural Hazards ● 45 minutes (36 marks) Globalisation ● 45 minutes (36 marks) Changing Places <p>Revise class notes Use knowledge organisers Use past exam papers and mark schemes from AQA website:</p>

		https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/a-level/geography-7037/assessment-resources
History	<p>2 hour written paper</p> <p>2 questions</p>	<p>1 hour American History extract question based on Year 13 content: Crisis of identity, 1920–1945</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revise class notes ● Use past papers and mark schemes from the AQA website to practice exam questions (Option 1K) https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes?qualification=A-level%20History&specCode=7042 ● Create summary sheets or mind maps for each topic area - utilise look, cover, check strategy ● Use feedback from PAR extract task <p>1 hour British History source question based on Year 13 content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revise class notes and revision guides from GC and given out in class ● Use past papers and mark schemes from the AQA website to practice exam questions (Option 2S) https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes?qualification=A-level%20History&specCode=7042 ● Create summary sheets or mind maps for each topic area - utilise look, cover, check strategy
IT	<p>External Exams</p> <p>Unit 1 7/1/26 AM 1 hour 30 minutes</p> <p>Unit 3 14/1/26 AM 1 hour</p>	<p>Unit 1 Fundamentals of IT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revise using your class notes, lesson slides, and the revision booklet on Google Classroom. ● Make flashcards using Quizlet. <p>Unit 3 Cyber Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-Release material for January 2026 has been posted on Google Classroom. ● Revise using your class notes, lesson slides, Flashcards, and the revision booklet on Google Classroom.
Mathematics	2 hour written paper	<p>Full pure paper</p> <p>All pure maths topics from Year 12 and Year 13</p> <p>Use PMT papers and the previous tests given to revise</p> <p>Come and seek help from us for things not yet fully grasped</p> <p>Practice, make errors, find us to fix them, try again</p>
Media Studies	2 hours 30 min Written paper	<p>This will be a mixed mock exam comprising of elements of both Component 1 and Component 2</p> <p>The following topics will be covered:</p> <p>Component 1: Media Products, Industries and Audiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representation and Media Language Question

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Physics	2 hour written paper	<p>The following Paper 2 topics will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Circular motion ● Simple harmonic motion ● Gas laws ● Gravitational fields ● Electric fields ● Capacitors ● Magnetic fields
Politics	2 hour written paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UK/US President/Prime Minister - comparison question ● UK/US Government comparison question ● US Government source question ● US politics essay question (Elections/democracy and voting systems)
Product Design	Paper 2 2 hour written paper	<p>Paper 2 with cover these topics that we have learnt about this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design for disassembly ● Quality assurance ● Calculation relating to mass ● Virtual modelling ● Memphis design
Psychology	2 hour written paper Paper 2	<p>Modules to be tested: Approaches/ Biopsychology/ Research Methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use Google Classroom-lessons and HO's ● Use Google Classroom - Topic guide and Model answers ● Use Google Classroom- knowledge organisers ● Design a study section on Google classroom <p>Hints: <u>Revise the WHOLE module:</u> Look at Operant conditioning, areas/structure of the brain, split brain, RM-distribution, hypothesis, standard deviation, statistical tests and reasons to choose and design a study.</p>
Sociology	2 hour written paper	<p>Use Google Classroom revision materials</p> <p>Paper 2 - Beliefs in Society Functions of Religion</p>

		<p>Structural theories of religion Secularisation</p> <p>Paper 3 - Crime and Deviance Gender and crime Ethnicity and crime Theories of crime</p>
Spanish	<p>2 hours 30 minutes</p> <p>listening / reading / writing paper</p>	<p>All topics from Year 12 and Year 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family, Cyberspace, Equality of the sexes ● Idols, regional identity, cultural heritage ● Immigration, integration, racism ● Politics, monarchies/dictatorships, trade unions <p>Reading and listening comprehension questions, including summaries. Translation from Spanish into English. Translation from English into Spanish.</p>
Theology	<p>2 hour written paper</p>	<p>You will have ONE question from Philosophy/Ethics/Development of Christian Thought</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Problem of Evil ● Nature and Attributes of God ● Gender and Society ● Christian Moral Principles ● Sex Ethics ● Euthanasia <p>As Sex Ethics is an applied topic you MUST revise ALL normative ethical theories - Natural Law, Situation Ethics, Utilitarianism, Kantian Ethics</p>
Art	<p>10 hours practical exam</p>	<p>You will need to complete the exam preparatory work in your sketchbook and produce an A1 final piece that reflects the given topic, relevant art movements and/or artists, as well as your own original ideas. Your work should demonstrate sophisticated knowledge, understanding, and skills through thoughtful research, experimentation, development, and a well-resolved final outcome.</p>
OCR Sport	<p>As the students are sitting external examinations for Unit 1, The Body Systems on 8th January and Unit 2, Sports Organisation & Development on 12th January, there will not be an exam set during the mock exam window.</p>	
Criminology	<p>As Year 13 students have recently completed their Unit 3 Controlled Assessment, there will not be an exam set during the mock exam window.</p>	

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or queries.

Kind regards

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