



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

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Re: January 2015 Mock Examinations

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know of some important information regarding your son's January Mock Exams which are taking place w/b Jan 5th. As you probably already know there are no external exams taking place in January; therefore we are setting examinations across the Hitchin Consortium in order to gauge student progress so far this year and hence make decisions regarding entering students for their final qualification in summer 2015.

The mock examinations at HBS will take place in the Main Hall in the same examination conditions as the summer. Students will be required to be in North Court 15 minutes before the start of each exam. School uniform is to be worn for all exams.

If a student misses an examination because they are ill they will be required to sit the exam at the first available opportunity when they return. If your son is ill on the day of an exam please ring/email the school and let us know.

Included with this letter is an individual exam timetable (*only included with individual hard copies of this letter*). Timings for exams taken at other centres will be issued separately. Students have also been given a copy of this timetable and we have asked them to check the document carefully. Any possible clashes need to be flagged up with Exams Officer Mrs Berry immediately. The duration of each exam will vary between subjects but all exams will last between 90 minutes and 150 minutes. Students taking exams at other centres need to make sure that they are familiar with the regulations at that centre.

There will be no timetabled lessons during that week in subjects which are being examined though there will be teachers available to offer support at the normal times. Subjects which are not being examined (Art, Photography, IT (A2) and Sports BTEC) will run normal lessons where possible and students will be made aware of these times.

The results of the January Mocks will be published on January 29th, together with assessments for Art, Photography, IT (A2) and Sports BTEC.

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Any AS students who fail a mock in January (i.e. obtain a U grade) are unlikely to be entered for the full AS in May. This will obviously affect university applications next year. Any A2 students who fail a mock in January could find themselves withdrawn from the course or asked to pay the exam entrance fee. If your son is affected by this we will arrange a meeting with you and your son to discuss the way forward as soon as possible after the results are published.

We have made these decisions in order to give students the **maximum chance** of achieving their potential at AS and A2. We have stressed to all students the importance of revising thoroughly for the Mock exams and the subject staff will be offering plenty of guidance and support over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lansdown', is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Mrs J Lansdown
Assistant Head
Head of Sixth Form