

9th March 2026

Dear parent/carers,

RE: YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

During the week beginning 13th April, our Year 12 students will be completing their trial examinations. The arrangements for these have been outlined in detail to students, however, a brief summary of the purpose of the assessments and the plans to run them are included in this letter.

These assessments form a key part of the Sixth Form journey and will provide a barometer on the progress being made so far. The examinations will also:

- Highlight the progress made overall by students on the Year 12 course.
- Outline areas where further attention and support is needed over the final few weeks of Year 12 and the start of Year 13.
- Support staff projections for our own internal data and UCAS predictions for those students wanting to apply to university.
- Help identify students in need of some additional support and intervention from the wider Sixth Form team.
- Support students in preparing for next year's final examinations.

The examinations will be completed in the D rooms near main reception under examination conditions. Students will receive a timetable and, when they are not due in an exam, they will not be required to attend lessons and should use the time to prepare for their next assessment at home. However they are welcome to come in and study/revise within the sixth form centre should they feel this is more helpful to them.

Staff have been supporting students in preparing for these examinations through classwork and independent study tasks. Any students who do not achieve a pass in their Year 12 examination for one of their subjects could potentially be at risk of not being able to continue that course of study in Year 13.

We have every reason to feel very positive about the chances of our Year 12 students in these examinations and in their final ones next year.

If you or your child have any questions regarding the examination, please contact a member of the Sixth Form Team.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Giles
Head of Sixth form