

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Y13 Pre-Public Examinations – December 2022 - Preparation

Y13 have commenced the academic year in such a way as to make us confident that this will be, despite the challenges we will face still, a rewarding and successful year for all concerned.

In order to support the process of the mock examination in December, I am writing to let you know 'how this will work' so as students and parents we are clear about expectations, time-frames and outcomes. Assemblies will be delivered to outline the process, and all resources and assemblies are available via the website under the Y11 & Y13 Mocks 2022 tab.

These Mocks – or Pre-Public Examinations – will commence 5th December and will end on 12th December. Results will be published to students and parents for Y13 on Monday 16th January. Please remember these results can only show performance on what has been assessed, so should not be taken as a guarantee of future performance, but they do represent an important milestone in the road to examinations.

There will be study leave for students during this period of time, as A-level lessons will not take place. However, BTEC lessons will be running as normal during the mock exam period and attendance to those BTEC lessons is compulsory, obviously there will be a degree of flexibility for students who study a mixture of A-levels and BTECs should their exam clash with a lesson.

We advise students should be revising / studying for at least 6 hours per subject per week, but with mocks looming and the number of school weeks left decreasing, most will be studying far more than this now. This is more than students can realistically fit into the school day, so you should be seeing a lot of studying happening at home. To help us be optimistic of students attaining at a standard that gives us confidence of their commitment or ability to succeed later in the year we have introduced a pre-learning and testing programme which will ensure all students make a full commitment to preparation.

This means that students will be set a weekly revision homework by teachers and be asked to take a short test each week to ensure necessary content is learned.

Important additional support and materials available for both students and parents can be accessed via the school website as detailed above.

Listed below is what will be included in the linked materials:

- 1. Timetable for Y13 examinations also attached to this letter
- 2. Copies of the assembly delivered in school this month
- 3. Y13 Subject Information & Revision including topics to focus on for retrieval testing in school (Individual departments will share additional application session times with students)

JCQ guidance on malpractice - While most examinations are for internal purposes only, we must remind all our students about malpractice, and guidance can be found at:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/

At Rainford, we define malpractice as 'Any action by the student that has the potential to undermine the integrity and validity of the assessment of the student's work', and we would ask all students to be aware of the implications of malpractice prior to the examination season. This is explained in the assembly.

This is an important period in your child's education and any support you can provide in line with the school's provision will be highly beneficial. If you have any queries regarding the examinations or your son/daughter's progress, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Fawley (<u>c.fawley@rainford.org.uk</u>) or Mr Pendlebury (<u>m.pendlebury@rainford.org.uk</u>) for any pastoral concerns.

Your support in this, as in all matters, is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs F Begley

Director of Learning and Raising Standards











Y13 Mock Examination Timetable 2022-23						
Date	AM	PM				
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5.12.22	Computing Paper 1 (2.5 Hours) English Literature Paper 1 - Drama	Chemistry (90 mins) History (2.5 hours)				
	(2hours 15 Min)	Spanish Reading (1 hour)				
	French listening (2.5 hours)	3 (11)				
	Music (2.5 hours)					
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6.12.22	English Lang Component 1 (2hrs 15) Maths Paper 1 (2 hours)	Geography P1 (2 hours 15) Physics P1 (2 hours)				
	Economics P1 (2 Hours)	Psychology Paper 1 (2 hours)				
	Core Maths P1 (90 mins)	Drama (2 hours)				
	Further Maths P1 (90 mins)	,				
7.12.22	Biology P1 (2 hours)	Chemistry (90 mins)				
	French Writing (60 mins)	English Lang Component 2 (75min)				
	History Paper 2 (2.5 Hours)	Law Paper 1 (90 mins)				
	Photography (all day) *					
8.12.22	Spanish Listening (2.5 Hours)	Dhysics (2 hours)				
0.12.22	Maths Paper 2 (2 hours) Economics Paper 2 (2 hours)	Physics (2 hours) Psychology Paper 2 (2 hours)				
	Core maths Paper 2 (90 mins)	RS (2 hours)				
	Further maths P2 (90 mins)	110 (2 110010)				
	English Lang Comp 3(45 Mins)					
9.12.22	Biology P2 (2 hours)	RS Paper 2 (2 hours)				
	English Literature Paper 2- Prose					
	(1 hour 15)					
	Fine art (all day) *					
	Computing P2 (2.5 Hours)					
	Law P2 (2hrs 15 Mins)					
12.12.22 Chemistry (2 hours 15) Biology (2 hours)						
12.12.22	Politics (2 hours)	English Literature Paper 3 – Poetry				

12.12.22	Chemistry (2 hours 15)	Biology (2 hours)	
	Politics (2 hours)	English Literature Paper 3 – Poetry	
	Graphics/Fashion (90 mins) *	(2 hours 15)	
		Physics (2 Hours)	
		Law Paper 3 (2 hours 15)	
		Psychology Paper 2 (2 hours)	
14.12.22	Drama (2 hours) *		

^{*}Practical examination