



Our Ref: KH/ACL/TM/Yr12Mocks

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Year 12 Mock Examinations

I write to update you on the upcoming mock examinations for Year 12. Students have had a basic schedule emailed to their school email account and will receive a personalised copy of their exam timetable shortly. Examinations will commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> May and will conclude on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June.

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- Why are the exams so spread out?** These mock examinations are fitting around the final examinations for Year 11 and Year 13. Year 12's next mocks in Year 13 and indeed their real exams with feature exams much closer together and contain both morning and afternoon exams.
- Why are doing Mocks in Year 12?** These exams will be the first opportunity for students to experience the rigour of an exam season at Key Stage 5, which will prepare them well for Year 13. These exams are placed early in the summer term of Year 12, so teachers have the time to give quality feedback to students ahead of the summer holidays. Having feedback ahead of the summer holidays will allow students to get ahead for the Autumn term of Year 13.
- Why are the results important?** It is important that students take these exams seriously as it will help their teachers inform setting decisions for Year 13. The results from these mocks will also be used to inform decisions about UCAS applications and may be requested by employers and apprenticeship providers. Finally, the results of these exams will be used to decide what school interventions students must attend in September/October.
- When will we get the results?** Students will get their results in a mock assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Parents will get the results uploaded onto their WEDUC accounts on the same day.
- What will be on the exams?** All content covered during Year 12 will be on the exams. It is important that students are clear on what content has been covered this year. Your child's teacher will be ensuring that students are clear about what needs to be revised. This information can be found on knowledge organisers, here <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/revision-resources/> and here <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/curriculum/>
- Are all subjects having exams?** The vast majority of subjects are having at least 1 mock paper during this exam period. Practical subjects/BTEC subjects will continue with coursework during this period if a mock examination is not appropriate for this stage of their course.
- How should my child revise?** There are many ways to revise depending on how your child prefers to learn. Teachers will be able to guide your child to the best techniques for their subjects.
- How will the exams be sat?** These mock examinations will be sat in the sports hall and will mirror all the strict regulations that need to be adhered to in official exams. As such, please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with these requirements <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/exams/>. It is extremely important that students follow the exam rules correctly and without question. We reserve the right to direct pupils to sit examinations at other schools if their behaviour compromises the integrity of the exams or harms the chances of others to succeed.
- How does my child know where to sit?** Your child will have a personalised timetable, there will be a seat number (e.g G7). It is very important that students know their seat numbers for each exam so that there is a smooth and prompt start.



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10. **What does my child need?** Over the next few weeks, please ensure that your child is correctly equipped with exam materials as listed below. *We do not lend out equipment during exams.*
1. A clear (see-through) plastic pencil case large enough to hold all the following
  2. Black pen plus spares (only black pens can be used in exams)
  3. Ruler (at least 15cm)
  4. Pencils
  5. Rubber
  6. Scientific Calculator if appropriate
  7. Mathematical equipment (protractor, compass, set square)
  8. Highlighters are recommended, but not essential
  9. If a water bottle is used, then it must only contain water and be in a see-through bottle with no labels/writing on
11. **What is not allowed in the exam room?** Students are not allowed watches (smart, digital or analogue) or anything in their pockets (e.g notes, pieces of paper). These items will be confiscated if present. Barr Beacon is a no mobile phone school. If a mobile is found on a pupil during an examination, then this will be taken very seriously. We reserve the right to direct pupils who bring mobile phones into exams to another school to complete their studies.
12. **What are Access Arrangements?.** If your child already has access arrangements (e.g extra time) then these will be applied in these mocks. These first round of Mocks enable teachers to identify additional students who may be in need of extra support in future exams. For further information on access arrangements please see here <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2026/03/JCQ-AARA-2025-March-26.pdf>. If you have questions about access arrangements and how these apply to your child please email [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)
13. **What if my child misses an exam? –** students should attend all exams. If there are extenuating circumstances that means a student missed a mock exam, then they will be offered the opportunity to complete these. Please contact [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk) as soon as possible if you are aware of any absences during this period.

Yours sincerely



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