



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

19th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 13 Trial Exam Content

The Year 13 trial examination period begins on the 3rd of February and lasts for two weeks. You will receive a copy of the timetable and details regarding exam procedures in another letter during the first week of next term. These examinations are a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop their exam technique and will be the last set of trial examinations that take place in highly controlled conditions, before the A Level exams commence in May. Please can I ask that you avoid making any medical appointments for your child during this time frame.

Attached is information about the topics your child should be revising for their exams. We hope that by providing this information now, your child will have ample time to prepare and make the most of the opportunity to practice under highly controlled conditions.

Regardless of the subject, we recommend that your child:

- Plans their independent study, they have access to empty study timetables. Five hours per subject, per week of independent study is recommended. The same applies during non-term time.
- Transforms learnt content into a different format, for example mind maps, summarised notes or flashcards.
- Retrieves information from memory (active recall), this can be done using several different strategies including completing exam questions, completing quizzes, using flashcards, and/or writing what they remember about a topic and then using resources to develop their understanding of content they had forgotten, sometimes referred to as 'blurting.'
- Resources for students are available on Microsoft Teams alongside their textbooks and lesson notes.

Please note that there is no longer 'study leave' for trial exams, in line with statutory government guidance that study leave cannot be issued for internal assessments (including mock exams). Therefore, students are expected to be in school every day for their usual timetabled lessons, including morning registration. When they do not have a timetabled exam, they must go to their normal classroom and use this for study and preparation for future exams.

We hope that this information will support you in supporting your child. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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