



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

July 2025 GCE Mock Examinations

As we approach the end of their first year of Sixth Form, it is time for our students to sit their first set of mock examinations. These are important as they help them, and their teachers, understand their strengths and areas for development moving forward.

These begin on **Monday 30 June 2025** and last through until **Friday 4 July 2025** inclusive. Please find attached a provisional timetable of the assessments, please note it may be subject to changes.

Students have been informed of the arrangements for the assessments, but for your information:

- a) The official starting times of the mock examinations are **8.50 am** for the morning assessments and **1.30 pm** for the afternoon ones (unless specifically told otherwise by the Examinations Manager – Mrs Cox). As examinations start promptly in line with regulations, it is therefore crucial to report at least 15 minutes before each start as follows: **8.35am** for the morning sessions and **1.15pm** for the afternoon ones.
- b) Students should study at home when not in assessments and register in the assessment room. The Sixth Form study centre will be available for private study each day, but students may prefer to study at home and only come to school when needed.
- c) Full details of venues will be displayed in the main school foyer daily. These details often involve the use of candidate numbers, and all students must know their candidate number.
- d) Normal Sixth Form uniform must be worn for all sessions. Failure to comply with this instruction could mean that your child will be sent home to change.
- e) Mobile phones must be turned off and stored in school bags. If a mobile phone rings, vibrates or receives a text message during an assessment, the invigilator will report it to the Examinations Office, and the candidate's paper will be declared void. Students must not wear watches or wear jackets or cardigans with pockets during the exam.
- f) All students must ensure that they bring the necessary equipment for the relevant assessment, including two black pens. Equipment will not be provided by the school and may not be borrowed from another candidate.
- g) For these exams, bags will be kept either on the balcony above the main hall or in the library, depending on where the exam is. This will be noticed outside of the hall on the day.
- h) If your child is ill, please telephone the school and inform Mrs Cox of the illness by **8.30 am**.

As you will be aware, work experience will take place from **7-11 July 2025**, with normal timetabled lessons resuming on **Monday 14 July 2025**. Some BTEC subjects will not be holding assessments and if required, your child may be asked to attend their lessons during the exam period, if there are important coursework deadlines approaching.

During some recent 'real' A-level exams, we found that some Year 12 students had not sufficiently read exam rules and expectations regarding punctuality, equipment and conduct, so please encourage them to read this letter carefully. The JCQ Warning to Candidates has been included with this letter as well as the timetable.

The outcome of these examinations is important. They will contribute to predicted grades when teachers complete UCAS references and if students perform well below target, then they will be required to resit the examination to ensure that they are in the right place to step up to Year 13 study.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at edevanney@grange.bucks.sch.uk or the Exams Officer, Mrs Cox at vcox@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



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