



HEDINGHAM SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM
ACHIEVEMENT & EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 End of Year Exams

As we enter the second half of the Summer term, I wanted to inform you of arrangements for the Year 12 end of year exams, and the support students are being provided with in preparation for these.

Exams:

The end of year exams will take place between Friday 21 June and Thursday 27 June (inclusive).

I would like to emphasise the importance of these exams for our students for a number of reasons:

- (i) They indicate a readiness for Year 13 study, both in terms of attainment levels and independent study skills.
- (ii) They form a large (but not total) part of the basis for predicted grades for final A level.
- (iii) They form a part of determining predicted grades for UCAS applications.
- (iv) They demonstrate progress (or otherwise) in relation to the mid-term exams which took place in March.

It is crucial that students prepare adequately for the end of year exams. Exam timetables will be emailed directly to students. The exam timetable is attached to the bottom of this letter, along with an overview of what students will be assessed on for each subject. Please note that during the examination period, students will be on study leave. Regular lessons will resume from Friday 28 June. Examination results will be distributed on Tuesday 9 July.

Following the exams, students will receive feedback from learning areas and have the opportunity to discuss their results and overall progress with a member of the Sixth Form team. Students who have not performed as predicted will have a meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss their programme for Year 13.

PD Time:

Significant work has gone in to revamping Personal Development time this year to ensure it is age appropriate and beneficial for Sixth Form students. This has included work on the transition to Sixth Form, study skills, and key celebration events and current affairs. The period up to and including exams will have a collapsed Personal Development timetable with students given half an hour each morning to study independently and prepare for their day. Each student will also receive a scheduled one-to-one meeting with their tutor.

A key focus of personal development this year has been the effective use of study periods. The average Sixth Form student has around 10 study periods per week, and students are encouraged to consistently use these to their advantage, and to help minimise the pressures on them outside of the school day. In addition, the Sixth Form is open and staffed from 8.00am until 4.30pm.

While the end of year exams are important student wellbeing remains a key priority. Miss Hodgson is running two exam preparation sessions in week commencing 10 June, including key strategies for coping with the increased stress around exams, as part of our ongoing support for students through their Sixth Form studies.

Code of Conduct:

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining high attendance within Sixth Form. Attendance of over 90% is a really important factor in ensuring students gain the qualifications they need for their next steps. You will also have received information regarding our newly implemented Code of Conduct which was introduced to students last week. Students have been asked to sign the copy they were given and to also have it signed by yourselves. This represents a key element of our professional standards within the Sixth Form, and while it does not cover anything we do not already expect from our students, formalising these expectations is an important step as we prepare them for success in their Year 13 exams and their progression into the wider world.

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Sadler
Deputy Head of Sixth Form

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End of Year Exam Timetable:

Y12 Mocks June 2024				
Date	Time	Subject & Paper	Block	Length
21/06/2024	08:30	Geography Paper 1 (1/2)	A	1:15/1:45
21/06/2024	08:30	Politics (1/2)	A	01:30
21/06/2024	11:30	English Literature Love Through the Ages (1/1)	B	03:00
21/06/2024	11:30	Mathematics - Pure Maths (1/2)	B	02:00
21/06/2024	11:30	Sociology (1/2)	B	01:30
24/06/2024	08:30	Psychology (1/2)	B&D	02:00
24/06/2024	08:30	Further Maths Core Pure (1/2)	E	01:40
24/06/2024	11:30	Chemistry (1/2)	C	02:00
24/06/2024	11:30	History (1/2)	C	02:15
24/06/2024	11:30	Physics (1/2)	C	01:30
24/06/2024	11:30	Media Studies	C	02:15
25/06/2024	08:30	Biology (1/2)	D	02:00
25/06/2024	08:30	Business Studies (1/2)	D	02:00
25/06/2024	08:30	Computer Science (1/1)	D	02:00
25/06/2024	11:30	Geography Paper 2 (2/2)	A	1:15/1:45
25/06/2024	11:30	Politics (2/2)	A	01:30
26/06/2024	08:30	Mathematics - Stats & Mechs (2/2)	B	01:15
26/06/2024	08:30	Sociology (2/2)	B	02:15
26/06/2024	11:30	Psychology (2/2)	B&D	02:00
26/06/2024	11:30	Further Maths Decision (2/2)	E	01:30
27/06/2024	08:30	Chemistry (2/2)	C	02:00
27/06/2024	08:30	History (2/2)	C	01:30
27/06/2024	08:30	Physics (2/2)	C	01:30
27/06/2024	11:30	Biology (2/2)	D	02:00
27/06/2024	11:30	Business Studies (2/2)	D	02:00

End of Year Exam Information continued:

Subject	Paper 1	Paper 2
Biology	AS paper 1 (Topics 1 and 2)	AS paper 2 (Topics 3 and 4)
Business Studies	AS paper 1	AS paper 2
Chemistry	AS paper 1 (Topics 1-5)	AS paper 2 (Tops 2, 5, 6-10)
Computer Science	A-Level paper 1 – computer based exam	
English	Three-hour exam – paper 1 and paper 2 combined Othello, Unseen Prose, Atonement and Poetry Anthology Comparison	
Further Mathematics	AS paper 1 – Core Pure Mathematics	Decision Mathematics (A-Level)
Geography	Amended paper 1 (physical) Year 1 topics only (Tectonics and Coasts)	Amended paper 2 (human) Year 1 topics only (Globalisation and Regeneration)
Government and Politics	Paper 1 – UK politics (no ideology section – 90 minutes rather than 120 minutes)	Paper 2 – UK government (no ideology section – 90 minutes rather than 120 minutes)
History	Paper 1 (Germany)	Paper 2 (Italy)
Mathematics	AS paper 1 – pure mathematics	AS paper 2 – statistics and mechanics
Media	Full paper 1	
Physics	AS paper 1 (All Y12 topics)	AS paper 2 (All Y12 topics)
Psychology	Full paper 1 – introductory topics in psychology	Amended paper 2 (50% research methods and 50% approaches – no biopsychology)
Sociology	Full paper 1 – socialisation, culture and identity and media	Full paper 2 – inequalities and research methods

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