



November 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Y13 Mock Examinations

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the upcoming Year 13 Mock Examinations. The exam period runs from Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd January 2026 inclusive. During this exam period, students will be on study leave to support their revision and exam preparation. As always, the boys are very welcome to come into school to use the library or a quiet space to work and revise.

We held an assembly to explain the rules and processes that are in place to ensure that these exams are completed in the same conditions that will apply in the summer. Exams will be sat in the Great Hall, unless students have alternative Access Arrangements, and it is important that the students check the seating plans on the main corridor and bring the correct equipment to each of their exams. Students should arrive 15 minutes before the published start time of their exams to ensure a prompt start. We will be reminding them of these instructions again this week and talking to them about ways in which to manage the challenges of exams in a positive way.

It is important that the boys prepare thoroughly for these exams as the results will inform them of the progress they are making and may highlight any areas of development that they may need to focus on before the summer. The Mock grades will also support them in making their university choices as they will inform them of what grade they are on track to achieve. Good grades will also help to develop confidence levels in the run up to their final exams. This process gives them valuable experience and an understanding of what to expect in the summer exam series.

Students will return to their usual lessons on Monday, 26th January. The results of the mock exams will be shared on a dedicated results day, which will take place on Wednesday, 4th February.

Please note that we will be unable to return original exam scripts to the students as it is a requirement of the JCQ that we hold onto them in case there are any issues with the summer

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series exams. However, students will be able to scan or take pictures of their exam papers with their phones once teachers have completed the feedback.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is well-prepared for these important assessments. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at p.plumer@vcj.sch.ie.

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