

Preparing for Exams

19th January 2023



Year 13 Mock Exams in November

- Very mixed results.
- Some classes had the benefit of being shown the questions before they took the exams. This enabled excellent preparation and gleaned some fantastic results **BUT** it's not a realistic experience.
- Highlighted specific areas needed for revision for each student and the need to work on exam technique.

Post-18 Applications

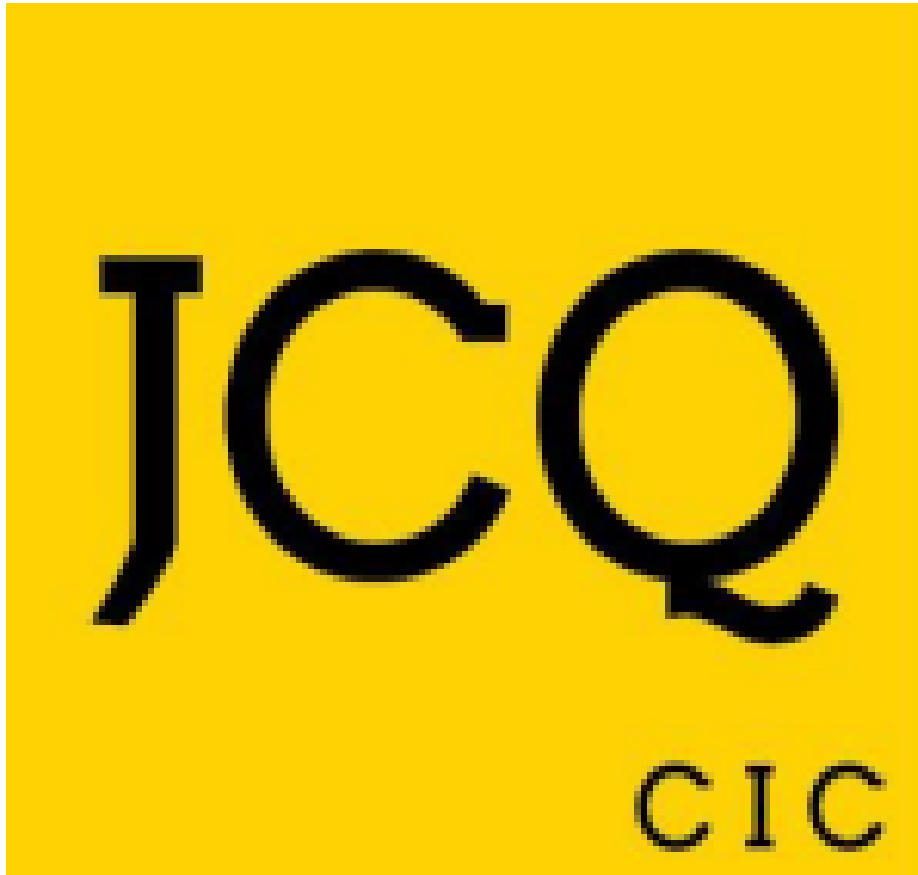
Predicted Grades

These are a reflection of the progress made and expected based on:

- Mock results
- Coursework
- In-class assessments
- Exam practice (independent and in class)

As a rule of thumb, predicted grades tend to be one grade higher than mock grades.

Exam Rules



JCQ is the Joint Council for Qualifications.

They set the rules and regulations for all exams and qualifications in the UK.

If these rules are not followed, candidates are disqualified from the exam and, in some cases, the qualification. In some instances, all candidates sitting the exam are disqualified if the exam board feel the integrity of the exam has been compromised.

Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

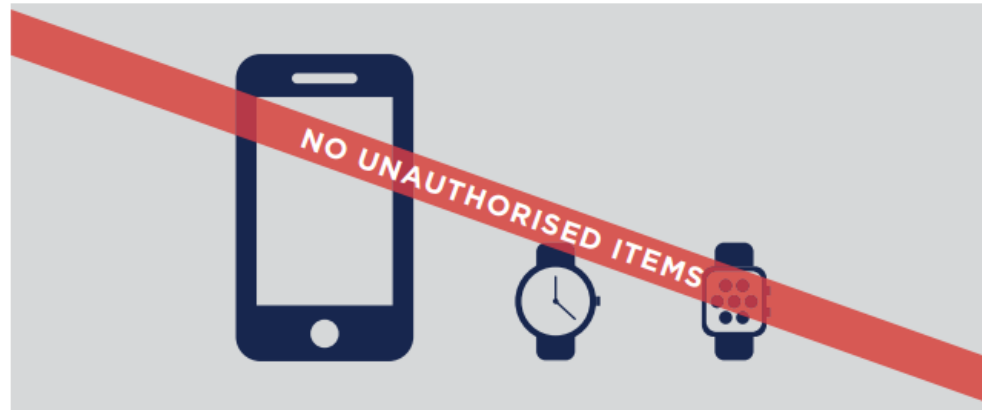
Exam Rules

5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

Exam Rules

**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

Key Messages for the Mocks

1. Period 1 exams start at 9am – you need to be here and ready to go into the exam room by 8:45am.
2. Period 2 exams – you need to be lined up at 10:55am ready to go in at 11:00am.
3. Period 3 exams – you need to be lined up for 12:50pm ready to go in at 12:55pm.
4. If a period 3 exam runs into tutor time, you will be dismissed from the exam rooms at the end of the exam.

Remember:

- No phones or watches on your person.
- No communication with anyone other than the invigilators from lining up beforehand to leaving the exam area.
- Follow all the invigilators instructions immediately and exactly.
- Clear pencil case. Calculator (no case). Water bottle (see through, no label, only water).

Steps to Success at A-Level

In school, every day, on time to bank hours of learning.

Lessons

6 lessons a fortnight per subject
30 hours a fortnight in lessons

Independent Study

10 hours per fortnight for each subject
20 hours of study per fortnight are built
into your timetable, the rest should be at home

Remember, you will cover most topics only once – learning first time round is the key to success!

If you've got gaps from last year or joining late, you should be attending revision classes and speaking to your teachers about areas to revise or resources to catch up.

6-Weeks to Success Plans

- Weekly specific tasks for each lesson.
- 2 hours of clearly directed independent study for each subject.
- Completion of tasks checked and signed by subject teachers each week.
- Improvements in outcomes.

Notes for Success

- Students need organised notes for all their subjects.
- Folders and assessment trackers were given out today in assembly.
- **Staff:** can check student notes and evidence of wider reading and give relevant, immediate feedback.
- **Students:** can immediately see areas where their notes won't adequately prepare them for lessons and exams and set personal targets for improvement.
- **Parents/Carers:** can track their child's progress in each subject and see what additional work is required at home.

GCSE = Knowledge and skills

**A-LEVEL = Application of knowledge
and skills**

Mock Exam Timetable for February into March

	Mon 27 th Feb	Tues 28 th Feb	Wed 1 st Mar	Thu 2 nd Mar	Fri 3 rd Mar
9:00-11:00am (Yr13)		Maths Core 2hr	Business 2hr	Spanish Writing 2hr	Sociology 2hr
11:10am-12:40pm (Yr12)		Physics 1hr 30min	Psychology 1hr 15min	Biology 1hr 30min	English 1hr 30min
1:00-3:30pm (Yr13)		Physics Paper 1 2hr 30min	Biology Paper 1 2hr 30min	History 2hr 30min	Chemistry Paper 1 2hr 30min
	Mon 6 th Mar	Tue 7 th Mar	Wed 8 th Mar	Thu 9 th Mar	Fri 10 th Mar
9:00-11:00am (Yr13)	Physics Paper 3 1hr 30min	Sociology 2hr	Biology Paper 3 1hr 30min	German Writing 2hr	Chemistry Paper 3 1hr 30min
11:10am-12:40pm (Yr12)	Sociology 1hr 30min	Chemistry/Maths 1hr 30min	History 1hr 30min	Business 1hr 30min	Computer Science 1hr 15min
1:00-3:30pm (Yr13)	Psychology 2hr	Computer Science 2hr 30min	Maths Stats 2hr	English	

Preparation for Post-18 This Term

12/01/23: Year 12 Work Experience launch presentation

23/01/23: Year 12 complete initial Work Experience questionnaires

02/02/23: Year 12 Higher Education Day at UoN

09/02/23: Personal Branding workshop

23/02/23: UCAS Extra opens

28/02/23: Presentational skills session

02/03/23: Interview skills session

15/03/23: National University and Apprenticeship Show

16/03/23: How to Find an Apprenticeship talk

WC 20/03/23: Exploring Apprenticeships workshops

Preparation for Post-18 Next Term

- 17/04/23:** Introduction to UCAS assembly
- 20/04/23:** Guide to Higher Education presentation
- 21/04/23:** Introduction to Personal Statements session
- 24–27/04/23:** Personal Statement writing workshops
- 15/05/23:** Public written exams begin
- 15-19/05/23:** Year 12 Work Experience Week
- 30/06/23:** UCAS Extra application deadline.
- 05/06/23:** UCAS Clearing opens
- 12/07/23:** deadline for universities to make offers (midnight).
- 17/08/23:** A-Level Results Day