



NORWICH SCHOOL

U5 Mock Examinations

January 2010

December Exams

Some examinations will take place before Christmas:

The music performances have already been done.

The Art and Design practicals will take place on either Monday 14th or Wednesday 16th December, depending on set.

The German and French orals will be organised by the language department and will be either during the last two weeks of this term or during the mock period itself.

January Exams

All other examinations will take place during the period **Monday 11th January to Thursday 21st January 2010**. Mrs Powell organises external exams; Mr Waite organises school exams. If you have a query or need special arrangements, please contact the relevant person as soon as possible.

Revision

Plan ahead. The night before an exam is too late. You will have been given advice in Meno lessons about revision techniques. Follow the technique that works for you.

Any revision notes, etc which you make for these mock exams will save you preparation time next summer.

Keep on top of coursework and other school work in the lead up to the mock exams. You are unlikely to have finished the specification in most subjects yet, so this work will be needed for the summer exams.

Above all, don't panic or worry on your own. TALK TO SOMEONE. That 'someone' will not be the same for everyone. Parents are an ideal starting point. Share your anxieties with them if you can – they really were your age once! But remember that you may be their first, or only,

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Monday 18 th January			
Tuesday 19 th January			English GCSE (external exam) (1¾ hours) Cultures Start 1.45 Gather at 1.30
Wednesday 20 th January		Science: Biology (1¾ hours)	
Thursday 21 st January		Science: Chemistry (1¾ hours)	GAMES
Friday 22 nd January	RETURN TO NORMAL LESSONS		

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Monday 18 th January	German Reading and Responding (1 hour)	RS Module 4: Truth, Spirituality & Contemporary issues (1 ¾ hours)	History (Medicine 2) (1 ¾ hours) History (Paper 2) (1 ½ hours)
Tuesday 19 th January			English GCSE (external exam) (1 ¾ hours) Cultures Start 1.45 Gather at 1.30
Wednesday 20 th January	Music listening paper – S10 (1 ¼ hours)	Science: Biology (1 ¾ hours)	Latin 2 Prose and Verse (1 ½ hours) Classical Civilisation 1 Society (45 mins)
Thursday 21 st January	Geography 4H (1 hour)	Science: Chemistry (1 ¾ hours)	GAMES
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child going through public examinations. They may want to hear ideas from you about how they can best give you support. Show them this booklet as a starting point.

At school, your tutor is always there to talk to, as is your House Master. There are also many other staff at school with whom you could discuss any problems or worries. You will not be seen as ‘not coping’ – you ARE coping because you are DOING something about a new situation you find yourself in.

Last, but not least, there are your friends. They may be feeling a bit ‘snowed under’ just like you. Ask them!

Study leave

Your first exam will be the English GCSE on Monday 11th, as this is the day before terms starts you will be free for the rest of the day. You will all need to be in school on the Tuesday, first day of term, to attend registration and Cathedral. Your first mock exam will be Physics, at 10.45 a.m. You should aim to be at the Great Hospital by 10.30 a.m. You will all be expected to attend games in the afternoon.

For the period of the exams you will be on Study Leave and you will need to attend school only when you are timetabled for an examination, games, music and/or drama practice. Providing your parents have given permission – see Mr Goddard’s letter to your parents, about study leave and lunch arrangements.

Remember, the term ‘study leave’ means just thatyou should not be on the playground. The rest of the school is working as normal.

Exam timetables

Master timetables are on pages 8 & 10. There are also two blank timetables, which you can use to make a personal timetable. Remember to include rooms and start times plus

any oral or performance exams you have arranged. Copies of these are also available on the School website.

Use of the Great Hospital

We are very fortunate to have the use of the Great Hospital for public examinations. The residents enjoy seeing young people there, but you must remember at all times that this is their home and you are a visitor.

Please do not:

- Obstruct the cloisters area
- Leave litter
- Make excessive noise

Bags should not be taken to the Great Hospital. If you need to bring a bag, leave it at school in your locker or on the bag racks.

Equipment for exams

Organize this over the Christmas holiday. You will need:

- A **transparent** pencil case or non-rustling polythene bag
- Pens, pencils, ink cartridges. Answers must be written in **black ink only**. Pencil is only used on multiple choice answer grids
- Ruler, sharpener and eraser
- Tippex fluid/tape is **not** allowed in public exams – don't use it in your mocks
- A calculator – for exams where these are allowed – this includes ALL science exams and some Maths papers, but there may be others
- Other materials specific to particular subjects – prepared material, dictionaries etc.
- A small screw-topped plastic bottle of **water**, if required

It is not only up to you to supply these items, but it is your responsibility to check with your teacher in advance whether

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Monday 11 th January	English GCSE (external exam) (1¼ hours) Media and Non-Fiction		
Tuesday 12 th January		Science: Physics START 10.45 (1¾ hours)	GAMES
Wednesday 13 th January			
Thursday 14 th January		Science: Practical skills 3 x 35 mins. 5 mins in between	GAMES
Friday 15 th January	Maths IGCSE Paper 3 (Calculator) (1½ hours) All but top set		

All exams take place in the Great Hospital unless otherwise stated. Check noticeboards at GH for seating plan.

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Tuesday 12 th January		Science: Physics START 10.45 (1¾ hours)	GAMES
Wednesday 13 th January	French Coursework write up (1½ hours)	Geography 3H (1¾ hours)	History (Medicine 1) (2 hours) History (Paper 1) (2 hours)
Thursday 14 th January	German Coursework write up (1¼ hours)	Science: Practical skills 3 x 35 mins. 5 mins in between	GAMES Greek Unseen (1¾ hours) Spanish Reading (1 hour)
Friday 15 th January	Maths IGCSE Paper 3 (Calculator) (1½ hours) All but top set	RS Module 1: God & morality (1¾ hours)	Latin 1 Language (1¼ hours) Classical Civilisation 2 Literature (1½ hours)

an item such as a calculator, dictionary or text is required.
Boys who arrive at an examination without the appropriate items of equipment must manage without.

Before an exam

Try to get yourself into a routine. Before leaving school each day, have a look at the next day's exam timetable. If you have any queries, you can then ask someone before you leave for home.

Put everything you need for the next day's exams together in the same place at home each day. You are less likely to forget somethingand someone is more likely to find it for you if you do!

Eat and drink at breakfast time, even if you normally don't.

Plan to arrive at the exam room about 15 minutes before the start of the exam. This may mean taking your bag to your locker well ahead of time....and going to the toilet? There are toilets at the Great Hospital but they should be regarded as 'emergency' use – otherwise there is a huge queue. If you are going to be late, inform the School (see page 7).

Check the seating plan outside the exam room.

Mobile telephones

These will no longer be collected by the invigilator. Therefore **do not bring one**, as staff will NOT be responsible for your phone during examinations. The examination rules state that you should not have a mobile phone or any other electronic device which can store information, this includes ipods etc, in the examination room. Leave it securely locked in your locker. **If you have a mobile phone on your person in an examination, you risk disqualification from the examination.** This is a sanction imposed by the exam boards.

During an exam

It is a good idea to keep yourself hydrated to optimize performance. However, water loss sitting at a desk in December or January is fairly low! Over indulgence in bottled water is likely to lead to a full bladder.....use common sense and adjust water intake according to need.

Check every page of your exam paper is there and has been answered. An odd page can go astray during printing and it is also easy to turn over two pages at once in haste. Don't forget there is sometimes an unexpected question on the back page of a booklet.

Games

Games afternoons take place as normal during the mock exams. Ensure that you have kit with you and check the notice boards as usual for revised arrangements. Normal procedures for Games excuse still apply during the exam period.

It is important to have a break from study; Games provides this opportunity.

Absences during the mock exam period

Routine medical and dental appointments should not be made when you have exams.

If you are too ill to come into school, the procedure for telephoning followed by a letter should be followed as usual. However it would be helpful if the adult who telephones the secretary also tells her which exams you will miss. This will prevent an unnecessary delay in the information being passed on.

If you are phoning in to say that you have been unavoidably delayed, tell the school secretary which exam you will be late for. If you find that you will 'just make it' to the start of the exam, go directly to the exam room. If the exam has already started, or you know that you are too late for the start, report to the school office on arrival. Do not interrupt the exam.

School Secretary

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On your return to school from absence, please see Mr Waite as a matter of urgency. Have your timetable with you so that you can rearrange your missed exam(s).

Exam timetables

There are two master timetables. There are also two blank timetables, which you can use to make a personal timetable from the masters. Also add details of start times – they may vary.

Why not download another copy from the school website? Your parents may like to have their own copy or you could put one up in your room at home in case you lose the booklet you were issued with at school.