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Mock Exams

16th November – 23rd November 2026

(Week 2/Week 1)

Year 13

Dear Student/Parents

This booklet contains instructions and guidance for the November assessments. You will also find an exam timetable and revision schedules. Please look carefully at the subject topic guide for each exam to ensure that you focus your practice appropriately.

These assessments will provide us and you with valuable data with regard to your progress in your chosen subjects and will act as a key indicator of your likely success in the end of year exams. For this reason it is important that these assessments are a true representation of your ability. Therefore, we urge you to prepare for these assessments in the same way you would for national exams.

There will be an official results day. These results will be monitored very carefully. They will inform us and support our decision-making in a number of areas:

1. That you are secure and progressing well in your subject.
2. Tracking of your grades for your UCAS offers.
3. Areas of weakness where additional support is required.
4. In extreme cases these results could be used as evidence that your programme of study is inappropriate for you.
5. Poor performance will result in a re-sit at a later date, the precise nature of which will be agreed with subject teachers.

Although this can be a stressful time, we are confident that for the vast majority of you these results will confirm that you are making excellent progress in your subjects and will boost your confidence.

Mrs K Smith

Head of Sixth Form

Mr A Youngs

Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Assessment Week Procedure

Year 13 Assessment week: **Week 2 commencing Monday 16th November 2026.**

During the exam period, registration will continue as normal and all students are expected to attend school as normal. Whilst timetabled lessons will continue they will be solely for the purpose of revision and preparing for exams.

Absence from Examinations

Should you be unwell on the day of an assessment, please contact **Student Absence** first thing in the morning, so that your assessment can be rescheduled for your return (contact phone number **01296 689720** or email **studentabsence@cottesloe.bucks.sch.uk** on each and every day of absence before 8:30 am).

In the Exam Room

Once you enter the exam room you will be under exam conditions and you should not communicate with anyone other than an invigilator. Our invigilators all wear appropriate photographic identification. Please make sure that you are in the correct venue and, most importantly, in the correct seat. If you are in possession of your timetable this must be placed under the desk. You will not be allowed to leave the exam room from this point without being escorted by an invigilator. If you do leave without supervision you may not be allowed back inside the exam room. You will not be allowed to leave the exam room early, even if you have finished your exam so **please do not ask!**

Location of Exams

We try to ensure that you have the best possible conditions under which to take your examinations. Most exams will take place in the Hall. Those who have special arrangements, please check with your teacher to ensure that they have been requested.

Refreshments

You are allowed to bring a drink of water in a clear plastic bottle, **with the label removed**. However, you are **NOT** allowed to bring in any cans or cartons of drinks, chewing gum or any other food.

In case of Emergency

Should the fire alarm go off, do not panic. Please follow instructions from the invigilator. You will be asked to leave the room in silence. Leave all equipment and paperwork in the exam room. You will still be under exam conditions during this time and you **MUST NOT** communicate with other students. Once the invigilator is given permission to return to the exam room you will be given instructions. You must **not** start writing until the invigilator tells you to do so.

End of the Exam

The invigilators will collect your exam papers before you leave the exam room. **Silence must be maintained during this time**. Question papers, answer booklet and additional paper must **NOT** be taken from the exam room. You will be dismissed from the exam row by row. There may be other exams continuing so please leave in silence as other students will still be working.

Examination Documents

Please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the Examination rules and guidance which can be found on the Examinations section of The Cottesloe School website https://www.cottesloe.bucks.sch.uk/curriculum/examinations scrolling to the accordion entitled:

JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) and Ofqual Information +

- Warning to Candidates (PDF)
- Unauthorised Items (PDF)
- Information for candidates - Written Exams 2026-27 (PDF)
- Information for candidates - Coursework 2026-27 (PDF)
- Information for candidates - Non-Examination Assessments 2026-27 (NEA) (PDF)
- Information for candidates - On-screen tests 2026-27 (PDF)
- Information for candidates - Social Media (PDF)
- Preparing to sit your exams (PDF)
- Ofqual student guide 2026
- AI & Assessments

Year 13 Subject Specific Information

Subject	Information
Medical Science	Unit 2 - Health Issues and Scientific Reporting. 2 Hour Exam - 80 marks Topics assessed are: Learning Aim A: Diagnostic Techniques Learning AIm B: Immune response and dysfunction Learning Aim C: Genetics and Health Learning AIm D: Cancer NOTE: You will be asked some questions about an article to assess your reading comprehension of scientific text.
Art & Design	5 hour Mock - A17- HN invigilating Thursday 3rd December 2026 (all day)
Biology	One paper - Biological processes. 2Hr 15 mins Modules included 1, 2, 3 and 5. This will have a mixture of multiple choice and short and long answer questions. Remember to revise the practicals covered in all of these modules. Only content from module 5 that has been taught before the mock will be included. Mr Toovey and Mrs Smith will confirm what this will be.
Chemistry	One paper covering content from Modules 2,3,4 and the following topics from modules 5 and 6: Module 5: Rate and Equilibrium Module 6: Up to and including chapter 26 Majority of the questions will be from AS chemistry with additional questions from A Level content. 2 Hours 15 mins **You will be provided with a Chemistry data booklet**

Edexcel - Business A-level	A-Level Paper 2 (Theme 2 & Theme 3) - content will be assessed on everything that has been taught up until the mock exam. 2 hours
D&T Product Design 2026 Topic:	**Specification Reference 2 hours**
Smart & Modern Materials	Materials 1.7
Factors influencing the development of products (Design Movements)	Factors influencing the development of products 5.4
Health & Safety	Safer Working Practices. Potential Hazards and Risk Assessment 7.1
Papers and Boards, Printing, Drawing	Materials (papers & boards) 1.5, 3.1
Composites	Materials 1.4
Polymers (properties and processes)	Materials (polymers) 1.3, 3.1
Tools and equipment	Processes, techniques and specialist tools 3.1
Maths in D&T - Costings	
Maths in D&T - Area	
Maths in D&T - Percentages	
Economics	A-level Paper 1 (Theme 1 & Theme 3) - content will be assessed on everything that has been taught up until the mock exam. 2 hours
English Literature	**<u>IN THE HALL MOCK</u>** **<u>Paper 1:</u>** 2 hours Section A and Section B 50 marks altogether Closed Book **<u>IN THE HALL MOCK</u>** **<u>Paper 2:</u>** 2 hours Section A and Section B 50 marks altogether Open Book

English Language	**<u>IN THE HALL MOCK</u>** **<u>Paper 1:</u>** Students will sit the whole paper Sections A and B 2 hours 15 mins 60 marks in total **<u>IN THE HALL MOCK</u>** **<u>Paper 2:</u>** Students will sit the whole paper Only one section 45 marks in total 1 hour 15 mins
Society & Religion	Paper 2 - revise everything we have learnt so far. 3 hours. Christianity 2x10 marks 2x 15 marks Dialogues 1 x 25 Philosophy and Christianity 1 x 25 Ethics and Christianity (you will get the option to choose between two questions for Ethics and Dialogues)
Geography	**Paper 1 - Physical Geography** **2 hours 30 minutes** Topics to be examined - The Water and Carbon Cycles Coastal landscapes and processes Hazards Questions will range from short answer (4 marks), data response (6 marks), levelled questions (6 and 9 marks) and 20 mark essay themed questions Total mark for the paper is 120

History	There are two papers. **Paper 1 is Britain 1930-1997.** You will sit a full British paper - 1 hour 30. You need to revise everything you have learnt for the British paper.. **Paper 2 is Russia and its rulers 1855-1964.** You will sit a full Russia paper - 2 hours 30 You need to revise everything you have learnt so far for the Russia paper.
Mathematics	Paper 1 - 2 hours - Pure ● All AS content plus partial fractions, radians, trigonometry, sequences & Series, differentiation Paper 2 - 1hr 30mins - Stats & Mechanics ● All AS content plus, moments & regression, correlation and hypothesis testing

Core Mathematics	2 papers Preliminary material will be given out in class and a clean copy provided in the exam Each paper is 1 hour 30 minutes Topics covered ● Sampling and types of data ● Estimation ● Histograms ● Cumulative frequency graphs ● Mean, median, mode, range and standard deviation ● Calculating tax, national insurance ● Percentages ● AER ● Critical Analysis ● Normal Distribution ● Confidence intervals ● Correlation and regression Links to revision resources are provided in Google Classroom.
Physics	A Level Paper 1 - Modelling Physics 2 hours 15 minutes Modules 1, 2, 3 and 5 (specification 5.5.2: Electromagnetic radiation from stars and 5.5.3 Cosmology will not be included) **You will be provided with a Physics data booklet** 2 Hours 15 mins
Psychology	2 hours Social Influence Memory Attachment Clinical Psychology 2 hours Approaches Biopsychology Research Methods

Sociology	Education with Theory and Methods Paper 1 - full paper Education and Theory and Methods. 2 hours 1 x 4 marks 1 x 6 marks 1 x 10 marks 1 x 30 marks All of the above are education 1 x 20 marks - Methods in Context 1 x 10 marks Theories and Methods Topics Paper 2 - Full topics paper 2 hours Families and Households: 1x10 no item 1x10 with item 1x20 Beliefs in Society 1x10 no item 1x10 with item 1x20

Session	Sunday	✓	Monday	✓	Tuesday	✓	Wednes-day	✓	Thursday	✓	Friday	✓	Saturday	✓
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2														
3														
4														

YEAR 13 NOVEMBER 2026: ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

November 2026 Mock Exams

Year 13 Mocks

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	AM 9 AM Start	PM 12.30/1 PM Start
Monday 16th Nov 2026	**English Language paper 1**	**History paper 1**
	2 hours 15 mins	1 hour 30 mins
	Ethics and Philosophy	
	3 hours	
	Medical Science	
	2 hours	
Tuesday 17th Nov 2026	**DT**	**Maths paper 1**
	2 hours	2 hours
	Economics	**Core Maths paper 1**
	2 hours	1 hour 30 mins
	Sociology paper 1	
	2 hours	
Wednesday 18th Nov 2026	**Psychology paper 1**	**English Language paper 2**
	2 hours	1 hour 15 mins
Thursday 19th Nov 2026	**Biology**	**Maths paper 2**
	2 hours 15 mins	1 hour 30 mins
	Sociology paper 2	**Core Maths paper 2**
	2 hours	1 hour 30 mins
Friday 20th Nov 2026	**Geography**	**English Lit paper 1**
	2 hrs 30 mins	2 hours
	Physics	
	2 hours 15 mins	
Monday 23rd Nov 2026	**Chemistry**	
	2 hours 15 mins	
	History paper 2	**Business**
	2 hours 30 mins	2 hours
	Psychology paper 2	**English Lit paper 2**
	2 hours	2 hours

This is a guide only, please be aware that you may not always have your exam at the same time as the rest of your class due to a clash.
Please refer to your individual timetable.