

14th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 13 Trial examinations will take place from Monday 7th September – Wednesday 9th September 2020.

Students should have received a communication at 4pm today informing them of their trial examination timetable, together with details of which rooms the trial exams will be held in. Students will be allowed to leave the site after their last exam of the day.

As we are keen to minimise disruption to Year 13 lessons, the trial exams have been scheduled to take place over the two staff training days and the new student induction day, so they will be completed before normal lessons resume for Year 13 on Thursday 10th September 2020. This will avoid students having to miss 3 days of teaching during the first half-term.

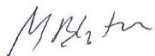
The trial exams will provide an opportunity for students to rehearse and develop good exam practice. Results are also important for informing predicted grades and decisions about future courses. As such, they provide a crucial opportunity for students to gauge their progress and priorities moving forward. It is vital that students prepare for these exams thoroughly. Our analysis of trial exam performance in recent years demonstrates that the results of individual students are a very strong indicator of their performance in the final exams. The trial examinations will also assist staff with their planning as the exams will help staff to see where there are gaps in students' knowledge to support them over the rest of Year 13.

Students are expected to attend punctually and in full uniform for all exams. Students **MUST** bring their own equipment – we will not be able to provide equipment on the day. We would ask, where possible, students only come onto the school site for their exam and they should aim to arrive 15 minutes before their exam starts to allow time for entry to the examination room.

For students who need to be on site prior to an examination e.g. those who need to use school transport, we will set up a space in West Bank where students can study.

If students will need to access this provision please can parents/carers inform us at sghs@sghs.org.uk so we know who to expect.

Thank you for your continuing support.



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Head of Sixth Form

