

Dear Year 13 Parent/Carer

I hope you are all safe and well and have been able to get out and enjoy the snow over the past few days. As you may be aware, A-level exams for Year 13 students will be going ahead remotely after half term for all subjects except Art and Photography. The timetable for these exams is as follows:

Year 13 PPES	22 February 2021 to 1 March 2021		
Date	SESSION 1 Morning 8.40 - 12.30	LUNCH 12.45 - 13.15	SESSION 2 13:30 - 16.30
MONDAY 22nd Feb	Psychology - Paper 1 2 hours		Media Studies - Paper 1 2 hours
TUESDAY 23rd Feb	English Literature - Paper 1 3 hours Chemistry - Paper 1 2 hours 15 mins		History - Paper 1 2 hours 15 mins Applied Science - Paper 4 1 hour
WEDNESDAY 24th Feb	Business Studies - Paper 1 2 hours Biology - Paper 1 2 hours English Language - Paper 1 2 hours 30 mins		Sociology - Paper 1 - Media 1 hour Maths - Stats + Mechanics 2 hours
THURSDAY 25th Feb	Drama - Paper 1 3 hours Geography - Paper 1 2 hours 30 mins Turkish - Paper 1 2 hours 45 mins		Business - Paper 2 2 hours
FRIDAY 26th Feb	Sociology - Paper 3 Crime and Deviance 2 hours		Psychology - Paper 3 2 hours
MONDAY 1st March	Geography - Paper 2 2 hours 30 mins Turkish - Paper 2 2 hours 15 minutes		Business BTEC - Unit 6 3 hours

The exam papers will appear as an assignment in your son or daughter's Google Classroom for the relevant subject at the start time of each exam. As soon as the paper appears, they may start. Finish times for the exams will be visible in the assignment, including finish times for students who qualify for extra time. It is the students' responsibility to finish the exam at the allocated time and submit it using the 'Turn In' button. All exams must be submitted within 10 minutes of the end of the exam.

We appreciate that there may be reasons why your son or daughter is not able to sit an exam at the allocated time at the moment. If this is the case, please ask them to contact Mr Lewis on lewist@shirley.croydon.sch.uk with as much notice as possible so we can support them and make alternative arrangements.

Normal lessons are suspended for A level students from Monday 22 February until Monday 1 March so students can use this time to prepare. Lessons will resume on the 2 March. BTEC lessons will continue throughout this period and all BTEC students will be expected to attend. Students who study an A-Level as well as a BTEC course may take the day before their A-Level exam to prepare. There will be no tutor time for anyone during this period, but please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's tutor if you need anything.

I know many Year 13 students are concerned about sitting exams when they have not been in school for such a long time and want to reassure you that the exams are designed to help us to help the students, by identifying gaps in learning and areas where they may need additional support. We are trusting our students to undertake these exams in the spirit in which they are intended and to give them their very best. Please remind your son or daughter that there is nothing to be gained by not completing these exams under exam conditions, as this is what they will have to do in the summer term. Remember that their final grades will be teacher assessments, not predictions, so it is important they do their best in every assessment opportunity they are presented with. Please encourage your son or daughter to revise and take these exams seriously.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lewis or me if you have any questions. We sincerely hope to see Year 13 back in school very soon!

Yours sincerely

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Vice Principal

Mr Lewis
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