



Osborne School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be undertaking mock examinations next term, in order to prepare pupils for what to expect in May and June. This will also enable us to finalise decisions on which accreditation your child will enter, as well as the additional support they will require.

The formal mock examinations will take place over three weeks, from the week beginning 9th January 2023. These will all take place at Osborne School, as the registered examination centre, and we ask that parents make arrangements to ensure their child is able to attend on time. Oskings pupils will be taken back by staff to Oskings, after mock examinations, so that they can access their usual transport and afternoon lessons.

Dates for the mock examinations are below and we have ticked the ones that your child will be sitting.

Qualification/Paper	Where?	Date	Start Time	Entered (tick)
9th-13th January 2023				
Science GCSE Biology Paper 1	Osborne	Monday 9 th January	9.00 a.m	
Maths GCSE Paper 1	Osborne	Tuesday 10 th January	9.00 a.m	
English GCSE Paper 1	Osborne	Friday 13 th January	9.00 a.m	
16th-20th January 2023				
Science GCSE Physics Paper 1	Osborne	Monday 16 th January	9.00 a.m	
Maths GCSE Paper 2	Osborne	Tuesday 17 th January	9.00 a.m	
English GCSE Paper 2	Osborne	Wednesday 18 th January	9.00 a.m	
23rd- 27th January 2023				
Science GCSE Chemistry Paper 1	Osborne	Monday 23 rd January	9.00 a.m	

In addition, your child will sit their remaining mock papers, during their usual lesson times, throughout January and early February. This is to limit disruption to transport arrangements, for Oskings pupils.

In May and June 2023, the final examinations will take place. All of these will be at Osborne School and we will send the timetable for this, as soon as we have it, as well as information on which examinations your child is entered for.

Your child will be entitled to between 25% and 50% extra time to complete the paper, should they require it, in view of their special educational needs. They may also be entitled to a reader and/or scribe if they have been assessed as having specific difficulties in these areas, although there is no entitlement to a reader where reading is the area being assessed as part of the examination. In addition, some pupils will have additional individual access arrangements in place including rest breaks, separate rooms, use of laptops and Computer Reading software.

Please try to encourage your child to have breakfast before any morning examinations, as these can be long. They should bring water in a clear, unlabelled bottle and may bring a small snack in a clear plastic container or bag, if you feel they will benefit from this. Pupils should also bring black ball point pens, pencils and a rubber in a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag. Smart phones and smart watches must be handed in before they enter the exam room or they could be disqualified.

Please do not book holidays in the school term, between the beginning of March and the end of June, as your child will have coursework and exams to complete during this time.

The Exams Policy and all related policies, can be found on the school website and we adhere to JCQ regulations and those of all examination bodies.

Your child's teachers have been working with them, to prepare them and answer any questions they may have and they will be well-supported in their exams by familiar staff.

Please contact me if you have any queries regarding this process:
caroline.irwin@osborne.hants.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Caroline Irwin
Deputy Headteacher

Return to: Caroline Irwin

I have received the timetable and information about mock examinations and will ensure my child:

_____ (pupil name) arrives for a 9am start.

I understand that all examinations in May and June will take place at Osborne School and will make arrangements for my child to attend.

_____ (Parent/Carer name)

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Date)