



# Tring School

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Dear Year 11 and 13 Students, Parents and Carers,

First of all, congratulations to all of you, for adjusting and successfully completing your first set of online mock examinations. Whilst some of you weren't thrilled at this prospect, you have all once again risen to the challenge by demonstrating your ability to adapt and respond to changing and potentially stressful situations. This is a great testament to your resilience and strength of character. You all deserve to step away from your studies this weekend and have a well earned break.

We are aware of and apologise to a small number of you, who may have experienced IT difficulties during an exam. This has been recorded by your teacher and will be recognised when awarding any grade. Students, please can you all complete [this form](#) by Wednesday 3 February (5.00 pm), to share your experiences and any difficulties encountered (you need to be on your Tring School account to complete it).

As you may be aware, it has been announced this week that schools will not reopen until at least Monday 8 March. It is quite likely that the return will be staggered for different year groups and attendance may be on a rotational basis. With so much of this information remaining unknown, we have decided to proceed with the second half of your mock exam programme. Remember, you had all prepared over the Christmas break to sit a full set of exams, which we divided into two sittings, in the hope that you would be able to sit some exams at school. Unfortunately, this is not going to be possible under the current restrictions. We have not asked you to prepare for any more exams than you had already planned for.

**Therefore, the second half of your mock exam programme will be completed online week commencing Monday 22 February.** A full timetable and list of contents will be shared with you on Monday, providing you with a complete break over this weekend.

Following feedback from yourselves and your teachers, we have slightly modified and improved how the exams are to be completed. Further guidance on how to complete and upload your exams will be shared with you before half term. It is really important that you all watch this please.

This situation is not what we would have chosen for you. We understand that some of you are feeling under an enormous amount of strain and some of you have shared that you feel that you are having to constantly prepare for new material. This is not the case. You were fully prepared to sit these exams in January and therefore, your current level of knowledge and any subsequent revision should allow you to refresh your knowledge rather than acquire new

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knowledge. We continue to be very proud of how you are responding in these difficult times and we know that you have got this!

I will also remind you that the Ofqual consultation document regarding the calculation of student grades clearly states that a range of evidence will be used. Student achievement in these exams will contribute to a final grade but will not be used in isolation.

And finally, please remember that we are all here to support you. If you are feeling concerned then please do get in touch and allow us to work with you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ambrose  
Head of School

