

Year 13 Practice Exams

Briefing for Students

Firstly – please refer to the booklet Mrs Muckley sent you in the Autumn Half-term. You can find it on your iPad, [or at the link here](#). This gives you all of the essential information about how about exams work at LGS. You should also read [the OfQual Student Guide for 2023/24](#).

**When...
are these exams?**

- Tuesday 3rd January until the end of period 2 on Tuesday 9th January.
- School finishes early on Tuesday 9th - therefore, **you are expected back in school on Wednesday 10th January**. Note: teachers might set you independent learning work to cover missed lessons of period 3 and 4 on Tuesday 9th.

**Why...
are we doing them?
Do... they matter?**

- To help your learning! You'll get a good sense of what do and don't know after taking the practice exams and your teachers will too ... this will help you know what to focus on and help your teachers know how to best support you in the run up to your final exams in the summer.
- There's a very slim chance that your teachers will need to use your exam papers for Teacher Assessed Grades next summer – but only if exams are cancelled again, which is unlikely.

**What...
is different from the
previous set of exams?**

- **Longer exams** and **multiple papers** for most subjects.
- The exam venues, and where you go when you arrive in school. See details below about venues. The exam timetable is complex, but you have your own personal version. You will not always be in the same room! It is your responsibility to know which room your exam is in.
- We will be running the exams so you experience everything about the JCQ regulations. For example, you cannot bring mobile phones or watches in the exam venues and you can only bring transparent water bottles without labels.

**Where...
are these exams?**

- We are using lots of venues, but mainly
 - The Main Hall and Dance Studio
 - Rooms 122 and 123 (next door to the library)
 - **Room 002 (for students with access arrangements)**

**How... will my
valuables be looked
after?**

**Where... should I wait
for exams?**

- Please congregate in/outside of the Sports Centre reception. Be mindful of students moving to lessons.
- You must leave your bags in wire mesh cases, labelled by House colour. Use the most appropriate cage so it spreads the bags out. During the exam you will not be able to access them. You must not leave your bags anywhere else around the school!

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- Mobile phones, valuables and watches should be given in at the Main School reception. They will go into a freezer bag and you'll get a raffle ticket. The freezer bags will go into coloured boxes (your house colour) and stored away securely during the exam. You can collect them from the main school reception after the exam, in exchange for that raffle ticket.

**Do...
we have study leave?**

- Yes - You need to arrive in school up to 15 minutes before your first exam each day.
- On Tuesday 9 January, many of you have exams in the morning. If you don't, you must arrive in school by 11am. If you arrive earlier, please sign in at the Sixth Form Centre and work in the Study Room.

**Where...
can I go after my
exams?**

- If you have no more exams, you are free to leave school.
- If you are staying in school to study between exams, you must go to the Sixth Form Study Room and sign in with Mrs Khan. You should not go to any other study venues.
- If it is break / lunch, you can join the rest of school to eat outside as normal.
- For a small number of students, you are remaining in school due to unsatisfactory attendance. After your exam, please go to the Sixth Form study centre and sign in with Mrs Khan.

**Can...
I come into school
instead of studying at
home?**

- Yes. But you must [fill in this form](#) to let us know you are intending to come to school. This is to help us keep you safe. Sign in with Mrs Khan when you arrive. When you are in school you'll work in the Sixth Form study centre.

**If...
I car share, can I wait
in school?**

- Yes. But you must - [fill in this form](#) to let us know you are intending to stay in school. This is in case a fire alarm goes off. When you are in school you'll work in the Sixth Form study centre.

**What...
Happens if my miss an
exam**

- Your paper will be returned to the subject leader.
- They will give you the paper to do at a later date either (1) at home, (2) supervised in school by either the subject team or the Sixth Form team.
- The subject leader will use their professional judgement to decide if the data is used to inform a professional prediction. This will vary from subject to subject – depending on the type of questions asked and where the paper is completed.