



10th January 2025

**Year 13 - Raising Achievement Plan
Mock Examinations - February 2025**

Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the next phase of the academic year, it has been a pleasure to witness the dedication and progress demonstrated by our Year 13 students. With the mock examinations fast approaching, we want to ensure that every student is fully prepared and supported as they take this important step toward their final exams in the summer.

The mock examinations will take place during the week beginning Monday, 3rd February 2025. These exams are a valuable opportunity for students to assess their current progress, identify areas for improvement, and experience a realistic exam environment. They will also serve as an important practice for the final exams later in the year.

Please take note of the following key information to ensure a smooth and successful examination period:

Attendance and Punctuality: Full attendance and punctuality are essential during this period. Examinations will begin at 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM each day, and students should be present at their designated exam location at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

Study Leave: Students will be granted study leave from Monday, 3rd February to Wednesday, 12th February. While students are not required to be in school when they are not sitting exams, we encourage them to make use of the Sixth Form Centre as a dedicated study space to continue their revision. [Please note, lessons will continue for some vocational qualifications during this period.]

Preparation: To ensure they are fully prepared, students should bring the necessary materials to each exam, including black pens, an approved calculator, and any other specific items required for their subjects.

Examination Conduct: Students are expected to follow examination protocol throughout the process. This includes using the toilet before entering the exam room, and leaving the room only when absolutely necessary. It is important that students remain focused and calm throughout the exams to ensure the best possible performance.

Personal Timetables: Each student will receive a personal examination timetable, outlining the exact times and locations of their exams. An overall mock timetable will also be available for reference.

We understand that mock exams can be a source of stress for students, but they are an invaluable part of the learning process. Our dedicated staff have provided subject-specific guidance and revision



materials, and we strongly encourage you to engage with your child during this time to support their study efforts and ensure they feel confident moving forward.

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support. The role that families play in helping students navigate this important year cannot be overstated. Together, we can ensure that our students approach their mock exams with the focus, preparation, and resilience needed to succeed.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at s_6frmqueries@stthomasmore.org.uk.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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