

**YEAR 10
EXAM PRACTICE DAY**

Friday 17th April 2026

WHY ARE WE DOING AN EXAM PRACTICE DAY?

- To give you a chance to practice and familiarise yourself with taking timed exams under exam regulations in an exam venue.
- Your teachers will be able to use information from these exams to identify and support you in what you still need to work on.

TIMINGS

8:45 AM - Be at the exam venue – for most of you the Sports Centre.

- If you have access arrangements involving a scribe, reader or laptop, report to A32.
- Registration will be taken in the exam venue.
- After you finish the English exam, you should go straight to the eating zone for a break.
- If you need to use the toilet, please use the Lower School toilets.
- Then go to your P2 and P3 lesson.

12:35 PM - Early lunch – you will have access to the usual dining facilities.

1:15 PM - Be at the exam venue ready for the afternoon maths exam.

- You will go straight home once your maths exam has finished.

WHAT TO BRING

You can take bottle of water into the exam, but it must be clear with no writing or label.

You need to ensure that you have the correct equipment with you:

- Clear pencil case
- Black biros, pencil, eraser
- Ruler, protractor, a pair of compasses
- Calculator

We will not be loaning any equipment for the exam.

You need to ensure that you are in the correct school uniform.

DO **NOT** TAKE TO YOUR DESK

Exam board rules say that you are not permitted to have the following in your possession in the exam room:

- mobile phones
- any type of watch
- earphones/earbuds/air pods
- iPods/MP3/4 players or similar electronic storage devices

EXAM SECURITY

Make sure that you do not have any writing on your hands.



SEATING FOR SPORTS HALL

You will be allocated a seat in the exam room and the seating plan will be displayed outside the Head of Year office (room M02) on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Please check the seating plan and make a note of which row letter you are in for each exam.

You will be called into the Sports Hall by row letter at the start of the exam.

STUDENTS WITH EXTRA TIME

If you write your exams, you will be instructed to change over to the green writing pen that will be on your desk once the extra time begins. You **must** use the green pen for the rest of your exam time.

If you use a word processor, you will be told at the start of the exam how to set the timer so that your word processor automatically changes the font colour in your document once the extra time begins.

TOILET BREAKS

Visit the toilet before the exam.

Toilet breaks can only be taken in an emergency or in case of a medical need.

ANY CONCERNS OR QUERIES?

- Speak to a member of staff – we are here to help and support.
- There is useful revision advice on the Northgate website in the Learning section.
- This website also has really useful guidance if you are feeling anxious or worried about the exams:
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>