

# 16. EXAMINATIONS

## **Examinations**

Students have regular tests throughout the academic year as part of the school's assessment programme.

It is important that your son or daughter is not absent for any of these assessments, but particularly for the public examinations which include controlled assessments.

### **Years 7 & 8**

Formal tests take place in the Summer Term for Years 7 and 8.

These are generally scheduled over one week and the timetable will be published in advance.

### **Year 9**

Examinations for Year 9 take place in May and a timetable will be published in advance.

### **Year 10**

In preparation for GCSE's, Year 10 examinations take place during June where standard public examination conditions are applied against a timetable published in advance.

### **Year 11**

Two sets of trial exams - 'mocks' - take place, one in November and the other in March, whilst the external GCSE exams\* for Year 11 take place May/June.

### **Years 12 & 13**

International Baccalaureate exams are taken in May\*.

A Level exams are taken in May/June\*.

*\*All students are provided with their examination timetable in advance, and in the case of the International Baccalaureate, A levels and GCSE's there are student specific sheets outlining the subject, examination board, date and time, plus candidate details.*

*When sitting International Baccalaureate, A levels and GCSE examinations all students are informed as to the personal requirements and limitations relating to public examinations e.g. use of clear pencil cases, no personal electronic items such as mobile phones or ipods etc. to ensure that they do not breach strictly applied guidelines.*