



# The British School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Term 2 Mock Examinations

For the last two academic years the scheduled summer series examinations have been cancelled due to the Government directives and closure of schools. Students were awarded results based on Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) which were issued by their teachers, based on students' attainment in mock examinations and in-class assessment, including work completed online following campus closure. Consequently, our Key Stage 5 students have missed out on the valuable learning experience of sitting physical examinations, including the development of their ability to effectively cope with, and respond to, the demands of real examinations.

With this in mind, we are planning to hold two separate mock examinations series in school this year. Our first series will take place in the early weeks of Term 2 (see details below) and our second series will take place in January 2022 (specific information for this series will be communicated at a later date). The details for the **Term 2 mock examinations** series are as follows:

**Year 13: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October (Week 2)**  
**Year 12: Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th October (Week 2)**

We believe that conducting an additional series of mock examinations will give our students the best possible chance to prepare for final examinations. In summary, the reasons for this are:

- In the event examinations take place as is currently planned, students have had multiple opportunities to complete full examination papers in timed conditions;
- Students would normally have the opportunity to sit exams at the end of every academic year to allow them to practise being assessed under real examination conditions. Our current Year 13 students have not completed examinations since January 2020 and Year 12 students have not had this opportunity since the end of Year 9;
- Maintain a robust and thorough record of student progress this year, informing important intervention strategies for teachers and students.

Of course, the safety of our students, their families and our staff is of paramount importance and we believe that it is possible to hold our mock examinations in a way that minimises the risks to our community. Here are the measures we will be putting in place:

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- All Covid-safety precautions will be in place (including mask wearing, temperatures taken, hand washing/sanitising and social distancing);
- In the exam halls, desks will be spaced a minimum of 1.5m apart;
- For the majority of examination sessions, we will use our largest spaces (the hall, drama studio, library) as examination rooms to allow for optimum distancing;
- Rooms will be well ventilated;
- Examination papers will not be distributed or collected with students in the room to minimise contact;
- Students must arrive with all equipment and we will not be distributing extra resources in the event a student forgets an item;
- Desks will be sanitised between uses;
- Students will be briefed on both examination protocol and distancing measures prior to the start of the examination period.

If you have any questions or concerns that have not been addressed above, please do not hesitate to contact me. As this remains an ever changing and developing situation, we will update you should there be any changes to the current plans. We will share the examination timetable with students in the final week of Term 1. **Should your child be unable to attend campus to complete these examinations, please email Ms. Hilary Knowles immediately** to discuss your individual circumstances ([hknowles@tbs.edu.np](mailto:hknowles@tbs.edu.np)).

The following 'FAQ' should answer questions you or your child may have about mock examinations and the parent guide to revision will help you to support them at home.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Parent Guide to Supporting Revision](#)

Please contact me should you have any questions about the Term 2 mock examination series ([rjayatilake@tbs.edu.np](mailto:rjayatilake@tbs.edu.np)).

Yours Sincerely

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