

February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 13 Students,

Information regarding the Y13 A Level Mock Exam period has already been shared with Y13 students, but I wanted to take the opportunity to share the details with you directly.

Year 13 A Level Mock Exams

Mock exams for A Level qualifications (except A Level Visual Arts courses) will take place next week (w/c 9 February) and the week commencing 23 February (the weeks either side of February Half-Term)

- Students will sit two mock papers for each subject
- Paper 1 will take place in the week before February half term
- Paper 2 will take place in the week after February half term

For students taking mock exams, we have already communicated attendance expectations during mock exam weeks:

- During the first mock week (w/c 9 February), students are expected to attend lessons as normal, alongside sitting their mock exams
- During the second mock week (w/c 23 February), your child will **not** be required to attend any A level lessons (unless they are studying a Visual Arts course)
- BTEC/Applied General lessons will continue as normal, however there will be no tutorials in either week, this is to provide extra revision time

Closure Days and Term Dates

A reminder that college will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday 16 March: All day due to staff training
- Thursday 19 March: From 1pm due to Y12 Parents Evening appointments from 1.15pm
- Term dates for this academic year and for 2026-27 can be found at
<https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/term-key-dates/>.

Revision, Wellbeing and Support

Your child's teachers have been supporting them with revision planning to ensure that they feel prepared and ready for their mock exams. This is also good practice in their preparation for the final exams in the summer.

All students have been reminded that their wellbeing remains a priority and successful revision is about balance - maintaining healthy routines, getting enough sleep, eating well, staying hydrated, and taking short, purposeful breaks to stay focused and motivated.

If at any point your child feels overwhelmed, anxious, or unsure how to manage their workload, please encourage them to reach out. Their Progress Tutors, subject teachers, and Study Support teams are here to help you with planning, managing stress, and staying on track.

Summer Exams

Later this term, we will share further details regarding the summer exam timetable.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact college to speak to your child's Progress Tutor or subject teacher.

Yours sincerely



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Principal