



JPB/CMA

11 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer and Year 11 students,

## **Year 11 Mock Exam preparation – Spring Term**

As part of our commitment to preparing students for their GCSEs, we will hold our Year 11 **Spring Mock Examinations between 23 February and 10 March**. These mocks are a vital part of the learning journey and are designed to replicate the formal conditions of the real GCSE exams governed by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). The examination timetable is attached.

### **Resilience Mocks**

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, Ofqual established contingency arrangements to ensure students can still be awarded grades in the unlikely event that summer exams cannot go ahead as planned. In such circumstances, schools may be required to provide Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs), and evidence from the Spring mocks would form part of that process.

Students should treat the mock exams seriously. They are not just for practice; they may be used as part of the evidence for final grades if required nationally. By now, students should be consistently using effective revision techniques and preparing as though these are the real exams.

### **Attendance and Appointments**

Attendance at all mock examinations is vital. Please avoid arranging medical, dental, or other appointments that would conflict with an exam. Where an appointment is genuinely unavoidable, contact Mrs Gartland in advance so we can advise on next steps.

### **Exam conditions and Room Expectations**

All exams will take place in the main exam venues under formal conditions. Students entitled to Access Arrangements will have these in place, as per their individual need.

- Mobile phones and electronic devices must be switched off and stored in bags or handed in to an invigilator. Silent/vibrate/Do Not Disturb/Flight Mode are not permitted.
- Smart glasses are not permitted.
- Watches, earbuds, AirPods and other personal items must be placed in bags or handed in.
- Blazer pockets must be empty.
- Any equipment or medical items brought into the exam room must be visible to an invigilator.
- Only water in a clear bottle with no labels or writing is permitted. No other food or drink is allowed.
- Enter the room in silence. Exam conditions begin upon entry.
- Do not communicate with other students in any way during the exam or until you have left the room. This includes turning around, gesturing and of course, talking or whispering. It is distracting for other students who want to concentrate and could be mistaken for cheating.
- Sit quietly and do not disrupt others.

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- Stop writing immediately when instructed.
- Leave only when your row is dismissed by an invigilator. You remain under exam conditions until you are outside the room.

**Important:** Not following invigilator instructions or exam room expectations is considered malpractice and will be treated seriously.

### **Medical / Sanitary Provisions and Toilet Passes**

If a student has a medical condition or need that requires an additional item in the exam room, Mrs Markham, Exams Officer, must be informed in advance to avoid any issues.

Sanitary products will be available discreetly outside the exam room.

Toilet trips during an exam should be kept to a minimum and are not permitted in the first hour of an exam. Students should prepare by using the toilet facilities ahead of entering the exam room. A list of students with an approved toilet pass will be made available to invigilators.

### **Legal Names**

As communicated in my letter dated 16 December, any student whose legal name differs from the name they are known by in school must use their legal name when completing the details section on all exam papers. This applies to both the Spring mocks and the summer exams.

### **Calculators**

Students are responsible for ensuring their calculator meets awarding body requirements. Each student should have their own scientific calculator. In addition to Maths calculator papers, calculators will also be required in Business, Geography, Health & Fitness, and Science papers.

Further information about GCSE Examinations can be found on our dedicated webpage at [West Craven High School - Exam Information](#)

We appreciate your support in helping students prepare for these important assessments. If you have any questions or concerns relating to exams, please do not hesitate to contact the school via [exams@westcraven.co.uk](mailto:exams@westcraven.co.uk)

We wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck in their mock exams – you've got this!

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Bates  
Principal

# Year 11 Mock Exams Timetable – February/March 2026



## Week A – 23 to 27 February 2026

	A Mon 23.02.26	A Tue 24.02.26	A Wed 25.02.26	A Thu 26.02.26	A Fri 27.02.26
Reg					
P1		English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45m	History Paper 1 2hrs	English Literature Paper 2 2hr 15m	Business Paper 1 1hr 45m
P2					
P3					
P4	Geography Paper 1 1hr 30m	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) 1hr 30m	Biology 1hr 45m 1hr 15m	Chemistry 1hr 45m 1hr 15m	Spanish Writing 1hr 15m 1hr 20m
P5					

## Week B – 2 to 6 March 2026

	B Mon 02.03.26	B Tue 03.03.26	B Wed 04.03.26	B Thu 05.03.26	B Fri 06.03.26
Reg					
P1	English Language Paper 1 1hr 45m	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) 1hr 30m	English Language Paper 2 1hr 45m	Physics 1hr 45m / 1hr 15m	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator) 1hr 30m
P2					
P3					
P4	Geography Paper 2 1hr 30m	Spanish Listening 45m / 60m Spanish Reading 45m / 60m	History Paper 2 1hr 40m	Business Paper 2 1hr 45m	Health & Fitness 1hr 30m
P5					

## Week A – 9 to 13 March 2026

	A Mon 09.03.26	A Tue 10.03.26	A Wed 11.03.26	A Thu 12.03.26	A Fri 13.03.26
Reg					
P1	Hospitality & Catering 1hr 20m	Polish Listening 35m/45m Polish Reading 45m/1hr			
P2					
P3					
P4	Polish Writing 1hr / 1hr 15m				
P5					