Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School

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Dear Student, Parent and Carers

Trial Examinations January 2027

As we approach the time of year when trial examinations are undertaken, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best in your forthcoming trial examinations. Trial examinations represent an opportunity for students to practice answering questions on topics studied under examination conditions and to replicate the real summer examinations. There is a very strong correlation between students who take the trial examinations seriously and those who perform well in the summer. Trial examinations also give an indication of your progress.

Written trial examinations will run from Monday 11th January 2027 to Friday 29th January 2027

A personalised examination timetable together with an information booklet will be distributed via mentor trays and by email. Information will also be available on the school website.

All students must attend normal lessons throughout the whole trial examination period, except to attend their examinations. Students must return to timetabled lessons after their morning examinations but will be allowed to leave site following their afternoon examinations. Students should leave via the gates at the side of the sports hall. This will be monitored by the Examinations Officer and the House Teams.

It is expected that examinations and formal assessments will go ahead as planned in summer 2027. Students should be aware that any assessment evidence collected and retained from these trial examinations could be used to determine grades in the unlikely situation that examinations and formal assessment could not go ahead.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that mobile phones, MP3/4 players, iPods, AirPods, earbuds/earphones, smart glasses and watches of any kind are strictly forbidden in any examination room and should either be left at home or switched off and placed in your bag on examination days, as per school policy and JCQ rules. Contravention of these rules could result in disqualification. Please also note that the school does not accept responsibility for any such items brought on site at any time.

So as not to be disruptive to other students, the expectation is that all students visit the toilet before the start of the examination. Toilet breaks will not be allowed unless there is a medical reason or you hold a toilet pass.

Some afternoon examinations may run over the 3.30pm finish. Students should be aware that the school policy states that **ALL** students must stay until the end of the examination. Alternative travel arrangements need to be made where this occurs.

Many students experience stress at this time with the extra work of revision. The school website has links to sources of help for students with revision and examination techniques Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School – Examination Information (dhfs.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact the examinations office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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