



# Ark Isaac Newton Academy

Date: 27/2/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Spring Interim Assessments, week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Year 12 will complete their interim assessments between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of March and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

Please find the timetable attached below. This will provide students and teachers with valuable information, supporting students to maximise the impact of their study time. These mock exams will set your child up for success as they prepare for their A-Level and BTEC public examinations. This period should be taken seriously as it will give you, your child, and their teachers a clear indication of where they are on their path to an excellent final grade.

**During the assessment period**

- **Students should be in school no later than 8.25 am** every day.
- Students should be in school for the full day every day. **Attendance and punctuality during this period remain vital.** Please do not make any appointments for your son/daughter during this time.
- As your son/daughter completes their exams, they will return to their normal timetabled lesson.

You can help your son/daughter by making sure they have the full equipment they need for their exams. They will require:

- A **clear** pencil case with at least TWO Black Pens, pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler, protractor and scientific calculator (depending on subject choices).
- A water bottle (this must be clear with no labels and contain only water).

Our exam regulations are very clear and detailed. Not following them can lead to disqualification. To avoid this, students must:

- Begin exam papers only when instructed to do so
- Switch off and hand in all devices, including mobile phones and watches, before the start of each exam. We advise that students **do not** bring these items in on assessment days.
- Follow the instructions given by staff inside and outside the exam hall.
- Not to communicate or distract other candidates during the examination.
- Stay in the exam hall under exam regulations for the duration of each examination (unless otherwise instructed).



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## How to support your son/ daughter

- Students should use a range of online and offline resources, including revision guides, notes from class, flash cards, textbooks, Youtube, specialist websites such as Dr Frost (maths) and Mr Bruff (English).
- Advice for students on how to revise and structure revision:
  - Students should not be revising all day, every day as this is not productive, leading to a drop in concentration and burnout. 4 hours a day during school holidays is sensible.
  - Students should divide their time between the 3 Rs: **Revise, Reward and Recharge**.
  - During revision sessions, **mobile phones should be kept outside the revision room**. They are a source of distraction and not the best tool for revision. **The PC/ laptop works for online revision not a mobile**.
  - After each focused revision session comes the **reward**, e.g. a chat, a snack, a chance to use their mobile phone. These are short time outs to let the brain refresh and for your child to feel pleased with their accomplishments.
  - Build in times to **recharge**, to meet friends, play a sport, watch a film. These should be planned in alongside revision sessions.
  - Encourage your son/ daughter to keep going. It will get considerably easier once good habits are formed.
- Study tips for students:
  - **Retrieval practice** – remember to test yourself on what you have revised/ learned. This makes learning stick. Try **look-cover-write-check** as a method to memorise key knowledge. It feels hard, but it works and you'll see how what you remember grows.
  - **Interleaving** – Mix the order you revise topics in, e.g., revise A then B then C on day 1, B then C then A on day 2, and then C then A then B on day 3.
  - **Highest leverage topics** – Don't start with the easiest nor the hardest content. Instead, focus on the topics you got wrong or made mistakes in. Prioritise these for practice and review. Use your Autumn mocks to help you identify these gaps.
  - **Practice papers** – the final rather than the first option for revision. These become increasingly important the closer you get to final assessment. These can be found online or ask your teachers.

**Please take time to discuss this with your son or daughter.**

Assessments are a very demanding time for students. We are working hard to prepare them as thoroughly as possible. If you are concerned about your child and wish to seek advice or support please contact the school.



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Finally, we want to thank you for your support and help in preparing your son or daughter for their assessments. I am sure we will join you in wishing them all the best. We look forward to seeing their well-deserved results.

Yours sincerely,

Sabah Ghani  
Assistant Principal



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Day	Date	AM/PM	Start	Finish	Subject	Length (mins)	Length (hr:min)
Monday	6.3.23	PM	01:50	03:20	Sociology Paper 1	120	02:00
Tuesday	7.3.23	AM	08:30	10:00	Chemistry	90	01:30
Tuesday	7.3.23	PM	13:50	15:20	Economics	90	01:30
Wednesday	8.3.23	AM	08:30	09:40	English Paper 1	70	01:10
Wednesday	8.3.23	PM	13:50	15:50	Government and Politics	120	02:00
Thursday	9.3.23	AM	08:30	09:30	Psychology	60	01:00
Thursday	9.3.23	PM	13:50	14:50	Mathematics Paper 1	60	01:00
Friday	10.3.23	AM	08:30	09:30	Sociology Paper 2	60	01:00
Friday	10.3.23	PM	13:50	15:20	Physics	90	01:30
Monday	13.3.23	AM	08:30	10:00	History	90	01:30
Monday	13.3.23	PM	13:50	15:50	Applied Science	120	02:00
Tuesday	14.3.23	AM	08:30	09:30	English Paper 2	60	01:00
Tuesday	14.3.23	PM	13:50	15:20	Computer Science	90	01:30
Wednesday	15.3.23	AM	08:30	10:00	Music	90	01:30
Thursday	16.3.23	AM	08:30	10:00	Biology	90	01:30
Thursday	16.3.23	PM	13:50	15:20	Business	90	01:30
Friday	17.3.23	AM	08:30	09:15	Maths Paper 2	45	00:45
Friday	17.3.23	PM	13:50	14:50	Further Maths Core	60	01:00
Monday	20.3.23	AM	08:30	09:30	Further Maths Decision/Mechanics	60	01:00