Year 13 Trial Exam Topics and Papers - December 2026

The Year 13 Trial Exams will run between Wednesday 2nd December -Thursday 17th December 2026. These assessments will allow students to demonstrate their ability in their subjects, supported by tailored revision using the information below. **Study leave for Year 13 will start from Friday 4th December.**

Please see below for details of exam papers in each subject, with topics to be revised. This information is being sent out now in order to help students to prepare as best as possible for these exams. From 4th December 2026 Year 13 students will be on study leave when not in exams.

Year 13 can be a stressful time for students. If you are experiencing stress please reach out to your tutor, Mr Neville or Mrs Coyle. You are not in this alone; we are all here to help.

Trial Exam Timetable

DATE	A LEVEL AM SESSION - 8.30 START		A LEVEL PM SESSION - 12.30PM START
Monday 30th November 2026	**NO EXAMS**		**NO EXAMS**
Tuesday 1st December 2026	**NO EXAMS**		**NO EXAMS**
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Art Photography		Art Photography
Thursday 3rd December 2026	Art Photography		Art Photography
Friday 4th December 2026	Psychology Paper 2 2h Music Paper 1 2h15m		Maths Paper 1 2h Sports Studies Paper 4 1h30m
Monday 7th December 2026	Business Studies Paper 1 2h English Lit Paper 1 2h30m		Biology Paper 1 1h30m Government and Politics Paper 1 2h

Tuesday 8th December 2026	History Paper 1 1h45m Physics Paper 1 1h30m		Economics Paper 2 2h Computer Science Paper 1 2h Product Design Paper 1 1h45m
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Geography Paper 1 2h Chemistry Paper 1 1h30m Spanish Paper 1 2h30m French Paper 1 2h30m		Media Studies Paper 1 2h15m **Sport Studies Year 12 Paper 3 1h**
Thursday 10th December 2026	English Literature Paper 2 2h30m		PE Paper 1 2h **Sport Studies Paper 1 (Y12) 1h30m** Further Maths Paper 1 1h30m
Friday 11th December 2026	PE Paper 2 1h		Biology Paper 2 1h30m Government and Politics Paper 2 2h
Monday 14th December 2026	Drama Paper 1 3h		Maths Paper 2 1h15m
Tuesday 15th December 2026	PE Paper 3 1h Further Maths Paper 2 1h30m		Economics Paper 3 1h30m Computer Science Paper 2 2h Product Design Paper 2 1h30m
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Media Studies Paper 2 2h		Geography Paper 2 2h Chemistry Paper 2 1h30m Spanish Paper 2 2h30m French Paper 2 2h30m
Thursday 17th December 2026	History Paper 2 1h45m Physics Paper 2 1h30m		**MOP UP SESSION**

Subject	Paper name and length	Topics to revise	Useful links/ advice
Art	Art exam - 2 days This work will complete the Coursework unit. 60% of overall A Level grade.	Final piece produced for their personal Influences project from sketchbook studies and 3 large development pieces. This should be an advanced, sophisticated outcome that draws together all their ideas	Dynamic own photos and unexpected journey, Experimentation with a large range of materials Imaginative links to numerous artists- look on Pinterest Independent gallery visits
Biology	Biology paper 1: AS plus content from DCB Biology paper 2: AS plus content from GFH Both 1h 30	Both papers cover all AS content. DCB will include the A2 topics covered to date including Photosynthesis and all Required practicals covered in class GFH will include Forensics and modern Genetic techniques, Energy through the Ecosystem and Global warming.	All past papers used in tests and end of topic test will be useful. Packs of questions are available on the Biology handbook google classroom alongside tutorials and looms. SENECA learning, Ms Estruch youtube channel and Spolem.org.uk are other places to get resources.
Business	**PAPER 2: BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, DECISIONS AND STRATEGY** DURATION: 2 hours MARKS: 90 MARKS	**Theme 2**: Managing business and activities 2.1 Raising Finance 2.2 Financial Planning 2.3 Managing Finance 2.4 Resource Management 2.5 External Influences **Theme 3**: Business decisions and strategy 3.1 Business Objectives & Strategies 3.2 Business Growth	**Exam preparation:** ➢ Your notes and hand books for each theme must be completed - use the PLCs to help you ➢ Seneca practice questions ➢ Exam techniques - make sure you know how to answer each style of question ➢ Go over past exam papers - refer to mark schemes and examiners reports ➢ YouTube Business Channels eg. Academic Plus, Business as Usual, TakingTheBiz

		3.3 Decision Making Techniques **Theme 1** (only the topics covered to date)	➢ The Specification - Edexcel A Level Business (9BS0)
Chemistry	Paper 1 - Physical and Inorganic Chemistry (1hr 30 mins) Paper 2 - Organic and Further Inorganic Chemistry (1hr 30 mins)	Paper 1: topics 1-5,8,10,11,12,13 covered up to Dec Paper 2: topics 2,3,5,6,7,9,17,and 18a and all parts of further organic that have been covered up to Dec	Physics and Maths tutor Seneca learning Free science lessons on YouTube now has A Level content Allery Chemistry YouTube Exam revision packs on google classroom
Computer Science	Paper 1 - Computer Systems (2 hours) Paper 2- Algorithms and Programming (2 hours)	<u>Paper 1: (Unit 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)</u> ● The characteristics of contemporary processors, input, output and storage devices ● Software and software development ● Exchanging data ● Data types, data structures and algorithms ● Legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues <u>Paper 2: (10,11,12)</u>	Make use of specification: <u>https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/170844-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-computer-science-h446.pdf</u> Practice papers: <u>https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/computer-science-h046-h446-from-2015/assessment/</u> Revision using resources on Google classroom(year 12 classroom is still active to access)

		• Elements of computational thinking • Problem solving and programming • Algorithms to solve problems and standard algorithms	Use RAG sheets during revision
Drama	Component 1 (3 hours)	Antigone Our Country's Good Live Theatre Review	Lighting, sounds, set, costume design Domain knowledge - Greek theatre/all staging elements, acting style, Historical Political context, OPC, literary devices, modern interpretation - significance for modern audience, 5C BC law and life Historical context 18C Britain, Prison crisis, links to 1980s Thatcher's Prison reforms, directing/design styles Re-watching Yerma, OM2G etc - learning directors, actors, total dramatic impact linked to style or directors choice.

Economics	Paper 2: National and International Economy (2 hours) Paper 3: Economic principles and issues (1 hour 30mins)	Economic objectives Economic policies Financial Markets Elasticity Income Inequality *Remember Paper 3 is a synoptic assessment, hence you must study BOTH micro and macro concepts:* *Egs. market structure, market failure, theory of firms, labour market*	➔ Use the PLCs to ensure you have notes on all the topics ➔ Revise class notes (both in exercise books and on Google Classroom) ➔ Complete Online Revision tasks including Seneca ➔ Become familiar with the different types of questions asked ➔ Complete past exam papers ➔ Practise your 9, 10, 15 and 25 mark response structure - Analyse vs Evaluate ➔ Study your formulas Economics Assessment Resources Interactive link to specification Link to teacher's PPT slides EconplusDal Macro Econ Playlist EconplusDal Micro Econ Playlist
English Literature	Paper 1 (2hrs 30mins) Paper 2 (2hrs 30mins)	● 'Hamlet' and 'The Merchant's Tale' ● Unseen American prose; 'The Great Gatsby' and 'The Grapes of Wrath'	Use Charlotte Unsworth's close analysis guide and Oxford Study Guide to revise 'Hamlet'. Use the 'Hamlet' and 'The Merchant's Tale' Google Classrooms - focus on the tasks in the *Year 13 Trial Exam Preparation* folders in these classrooms. Independent Unseen Booklet: aim to do one a week up to the Trial Exams; use the 'Gatsby' and 'Grapes' Google Classrooms.

Further Maths	Paper 1 - Pure A2 (2hrs) Paper 2- Applied Maths A2 (2 hours) AS Core Further Maths (1.5 hours)	This will cover all A2 pure and applied content as well as AS Core FM	Complete past papers and all practice questions given by your teachers Use kerboodle and pearson textbooks for examples and additional questions
Geography	Paper 1 (2 hrs) Paper 2 (1 hour 30)	**Paper 1:** ● Tectonic Processes and Hazards ● Coastal Landscapes and Change ● The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity **Paper 2:** ● Globalisation/Superpowers ● Regenerating Places	Ensure you use all of the lesson content. Do not rely on the textbook alone - a digital copy is available to you via kerboodle. Use past exam questions and feedback to improve your writing styles. Look through your assessment book to see you previous ReActs and writing feedback. Your exam practice books should contain a wealth of feedback and exam questions. Plan your answers (BUG) before attacking head on, a clear, coherent and logical paragraph structure (PEEEL). Google classroom has a wealth of content for you to access from lessons to specifications, case study lists to assessment guides.
French	Paper 1 - Listening, reading	Paper 1 - All topics we have seen since Year	Paper 1 - Complete full past papers for Paper 1

	and writing (translation) 2hr30mins Paper 2 - Writing (2 Essays book and film) 2 hours Paper 3 - Speaking (Stimulus card only) 10 minutes	12 Paper 2 - Book and what you have learnt so far for the Film Paper 3 - All topics we have seen since Year 12. You must know your facts well.	and mark them. Focus on your grammar, know your tenses especially the 'he/she' and 'they' verb endings for ALL TENSES. Practice your vocabulary with Quizlets. Complete your AQA Revision and Practice workbooks 1 and 2. Look through transition booklet for useful links and advice. Paper 2 - Complete practice essay questions available for Paper 2 on google classroom. Learn essay sentence builders and look at some model essays Hodder revision guides Paper 3 - Practice online stimulus cards, revise and KNOW your facts for each unit from your fact file booklets 1 and 2. Make sure your IRP is at the latest stage required
History	Paper 1: Tudors (1 hour 45) Paper 2: USA (1 hour 45)	**Tudor Specification** Covered so far **USA American Dream Specification** Covered so far	Use a range of revision strategies to revise from. Focus on technique for the source question, extract question and essay question. Use the essay planner and exam technique guide for help.

Maths	Maths - Paper 1 - Pure A2 (2hrs) Paper 2 - Applied maths AS (1hr 15min)	This will cover all pure content which has been taught so far including all of year 12 and year 13 before Christmas. This will cover all the statistics and mechanics from Year 12 (all AS applied content)	Complete past papers and all practice questions given by your teachers. Use Pearson textbooks for examples and additional questions. Also use Integral for revision.
Media Studies	**Paper 1:** Media Products Industries and Audiences (2 hours 15 minutes) (will need to play digital video clip) **Paper 2:** Media Products and forms in	**Media Language** **Music Videos (Section A)** ● Unseen **Representation** **Film posters Unseen (Section A)** ● Kiss Of the Vampire Newspapers **(Section B)** ● Newspapers (industry and contexts **Advertising and Marketing (Section B)** ● Superhumans (audiences and context) **Video games (Section B)** ● Assassins creed (audiences and context) **Paper 2**	**Set Products Paper 1** **Kiss of The Vampire** **SUPER.HUMAN** **Assassins Creed** **Daily Mirror** **The Times** **Paper 2 Set products** **PEAKY BLINDERS** **THE BRIDGE** **MEDIA AUDIENCES - BRIDGE** **MEDIA INDUSTRIES - THE BRIDGE** **MEDIA LANGUAGE - THE BRIDGE** **REPRESENTATION - THE BRIDGE** **THE BRIDGE - TELEVISION IN THE GLOBAL AGE** **THE BIG ISSUE - FULL** **VOGUE - FULL**

	depth (2 hours) (shortened)	**Peaky Blinders and The Bridge - (Audiences and industry)** **The Big Issue and Vogue (representation, industry and context)**	
Music	Paper 1 - 2.15 approx	• AOSD - Jazz • AOSE - 20th Century Music and Setworks • AOSA - WCT • Dictation	Make use of specification: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/bwjls2p4/eduqas-a-level-music-spec-from-2016-d.pdf Practice papers: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music-as-a-level/#tab_pastpapers Revision using resources on Google classroom(year 12 classroom is still active to access) Use RAG sheets during revision
PE	Paper 1 - 2hrs	**Physiological factors affecting performance** • Effects of training at altitude and heat • Flexibility Training • Types of strength • Effect of Warm Ups • Adaptations of Training • Periodisation and Tapering • Motor Units + Muscular Contraction • Movement Analysis • Energy Systems	Revisit previous practice papers. Use of A Level google drive folder for resources. Use textbooks given to research weaker topics. Ask teachers for more exam questions to practice.

		• EPOC + Recovery Processes • Redistribution of Cardiac Output • Cardiac Cycle • Respiratory System and Neural Control • Nutritional Aids • Cooling Aids • Physiological Aids	
	Paper 2 - 1hrs Paper 3 - 1hrs	**Psychological factors affecting performance** • Classification of skills • Types and methods of practice • Transfer of skills • Learning Theories • Stages of learning • Guidance • Feedback • Individual differences x 7 • Group and team dynamics • Confidence and self efficacy • Leadership in Sport • Stress Management • Memory Models **Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport** • Pre-Industrial Britain • Post 1850 Britain • 20th Century Britain	Use revision guides which will have been distributed and complete 100 percent challenge. Use past exam questions and feedback

		• 21st Century Britain • The Modern Olympic Games • Global Sporting Events • Drugs and Doping in Sport • Violence in Sport • Gambling in Sport • Commercialisation and Media • Routes to Sporting Excellence in UK	
PE - Sport Studies	Paper 1 - 1hr 30	Unit 4 - Working safely in sport, exercise, health and leisure ALL CONTENT	
Photography	Photography exam - 2 days. This work will complete the Coursework unit. 60% of overall A Level grade.	Final pieces produced from their personal project. Creative edits that solidify what they set out to do. This should be an advanced, sophisticated outcome that draws together all their influences	Dynamic photos carefully edited and documented Unexpected journey, Experimentation with a large range of materials Imaginative links to numerous artists Independent gallery visits Templates and resources used Push yourself beyond the minimum expected
Physics	Physics paper 1: AS content (1hr 30 mins) Physics paper 2: A2 content (1h 30 mins)	Paper 1 covers all AS content Covers the following A2 content (gravitational fields, Magnetic Fields, Circular motions, Simple harmonic motions and Thermal physics)	1. Physics and Maths tutor 2. physics online Youtube 3. Go through the past mocks and use the mark scheme to learn what topics you need to revise, 4. Complete past papers and all practice questions given by your teachers. 5. Savemyexams.com

			6. Books of Happiness 7. Given Notes
Politics	Paper 1: UK Government & Politics (2 hours) Paper 2: US & comparative Politics (2 hours)	**UK specification** The entire UK specification **US specification** The entire USA specification covered so far. (most likely completed)	Use a range of revision strategies to revise from. Focus on technique for the source question, extract question and essay question. Use the essay planner and exam technique guide for help.
Product Design	Paper 1 - 1hr 45mins Paper 2 - 1hr 30mins	**NO TOPIC GUIDE** WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE PD EXAM PAPER 1 & 2	We have covered all of these points. This is now just repetition of learning - please use your **GCRoom, Textbooks** and suggested Technology websites to help you with this revision process. Past papers. Exam question practice. Just remember that while doing your NEA you were also learning the theory.

Psychology	Paper 2 (2 Hours)	**Paper 2:** ● Biopsychology ● Research Methods ● Approaches	Use past exam questions and mark schemes to know what examiners look for when marking questions Think about planning answers before writing, especially 16 markers - annotate the question - 1 mark a minute (except 16 marks allow 20 minutes) Always link your point back to the exam question Remember the importance of evaluative language for AO3 (this is a strength because/ this supports the theory …) Use revision summaries and glossaries from in class.
Spanish	Paper 1 - Listening, reading and writing (translation) 2hr30mins Paper 2 - Writing (2 Essays book and film) 2 hours Paper 3 - Speaking (Stimulus card only) 10 minutes	Paper 1 - All topics we have seen since Year 12 Paper 2 - Como agua and what you have learnt so far for Volver Paper 3 - All topics we have seen since Year 12. You must know your facts well.	Paper 1 - Complete full past papers for Paper 1 and mark them. Focus on your grammar (grammar booklet AQA), know your tenses especially the 'he/she' and 'they' verb endings for ALL TENSES. Practice your Summary, gap fill and synonym tasks. Complete your AQA Spanish Revision and Practice workbooks 1 and 2. Use Seneca to practice all skills. Look through your transition booklet for revision ideas, useful links and advice. Paper 2 - Complete practice essay questions available for Paper 2 on your old Year 13 google classroom. Look at some model essays → Volver → Como agua para chocolate

			Hodder revision guide for Volver and Como agua para chocolate. Paper 3 - Practice online stimulus cards, revise and KNOW your facts for each unit from your fact file booklets. Practice the SUBJUNCTIVE for 'it surprises me that…'