



15th December, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The IGCSE and BGCSE Mock Examinations take place from Monday 9th through to Wednesday 18th February. Grade 10 students return to regular lessons on Thursday 19th February. The French and Spanish speaking mock exams will take place the week of 2nd-6th February during regular lesson times. Here is the mock speaking exam schedule for your reference. Additionally, here is the full mock examinations timetable for your reference. A copy will be available for students on ManageBac.

The mock examinations offer a practice run for students and helps them recognise areas of strengths and weaknesses. This information should also help students better prepare during their revision for the actual examinations, some of which may begin in April 2026. A study schedule is useful, so do encourage your child to create one if this has not already been done. There will be no regular classes for Grade 10 students during these examinations (9th-18th February). While on study leave, students ought to use their time wisely.

Please note the following procedures that Grade 10 students must adhere to during their mock examinations:

1. Students must wear proper school uniform while on campus during this time, especially if they are sitting an examination.
2. Students may come on campus to study if they do not have an examination. They must sign in at the circulation desk of the library, and are expected to spend their time in the library doing quiet, individual studying.
3. Students should arrive at the examination room at least 20 minutes before the start of an examination.
4. If a student has only one examination in the morning and would like to go home after the examination, a parent or guardian must sign him or her out in the front office, before leaving school.
5. Students may not leave campus in between examinations except in the care of a parent or guardian. In this instance, students must sign out at the front office as usual.

Students will return to their regularly scheduled classes on Thursday 19th February.

The mock examinations are an important part of preparing for the GCSE examinations at the end of Grade 10 and count as summative assessments in ManageBac. In addition, performance on mock exams will inform decisions regarding predicted grades for BGCSE and IGCSE and possible course options for the IB Diploma programme, which begins in Grade 11.





Therefore, it is strongly recommended that students take these exams seriously and that they prepare for them as they would for the actual GCSE examinations in April through June 2026.

If a student is unable to sit the mock examinations for any reason, parents/guardians must contact Mr Carey, the Acting Middle School Director of Academics (ivan.carey@st-andrews.com). Your case will be looked at on an individual basis. Please note that a medical certificate must be submitted to Mr Carey if a student misses one or more exams due to an illness.

Respectfully,



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