



April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 10 mock examinations

As part of our programme to prepare students for their examinations at the end of year 11, we have scheduled a series of mock examinations for all year 10 students to take place over two weeks from **Monday 24 May 2021** until **Friday 11 June 2021**, with the fortnight separated by the May half term break. These mock examinations are designed to give students a realistic experience of an examination setting, and a chance to judge where they need to focus their efforts for the remainder of the academic year and into the beginning of year 11. The timetable for these exams can be [found here](#) and on the school website. Students will be given a full breakdown of what to revise, including knowledge organisers and directions to revision material, by their teachers in the coming weeks.

In a very small number of cases, students may have a clash whereby they have two exams taking place at the same time due to scheduling constraints; in such cases, students will sit the longer of the two exams in that slot, and the shorter exam will be sat at another time within the exam period. All students affected in this way will be told about these arrangements in advance.

I would encourage all students to take these exams seriously in the coming weeks and to devote quality time to revision. Students will be given advice about where to find revision material and how to plan their revision at the beginning of the summer term, and will also be shown how to use the college revision website.

Please note these key details about the mock exam period.

- If your child is unable to attend an examination due to illness, please telephone the school as soon as possible.
- The examinations will take place in full accordance with GCSE regulations and conditions and will be invigilated by our team of external exam invigilators. As part of these regulations, students must not have on their person any electronic device (e.g. phone, iPod etc.). Such items **must** be left at home or left in their bag before the exam. Students' bags will be stored in a secure room during any examinations.
- The examinations are very important because they will provide students with valuable practice and experience under examination conditions; they will also give students and teachers a clear idea of any gaps in knowledge or exam technique.
- The results of any mock exams will be distributed before the end of the academic year.
- It is very important that every student is fully equipped for the exams. We would expect your child to have a **black pen**, pencils, a ruler, eraser, sharpener, pair of compasses, a protractor and a calculator (where permitted) all in a clear pencil case. An exam equipment pack can be purchased for £2.50 via ParentPay.

Thank you in advance for all of your support with this process. If you have any questions regarding the mock exams, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Warner, Exams Officer, at college.

Yours sincerely

Jon Barton
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