



March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 key dates

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students and their hard work during the core mock examinations in the spring term. During Parents evening on **Thursday 18th April**, you will have opportunity to discuss the outcome of the mocks with teachers of English, Maths and Science as well as discussing your child's progress with in class assessments across other subjects. Please refer to the letter regarding Parents Evening for more information.

Summer mock examinations

Year 10 will undertake a full set of mock examinations in all subjects between **Monday 17th June - Friday 5th July 2024**. The purpose of the mock examinations is to provide both students and teachers alike with information regarding students' current understanding as well as any gaps in knowledge across subjects. It is imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously both in terms of their preparation and conduct. Subject teachers will be undertaking the marking and moderation of the examinations and report this data home. Following the summer examinations, a review of Key Stage 4 GCSE targets will be undertaken and shared with students in September.

Year 11 mock examinations

An early note for your diary, students will sit core mock examinations the week after October half term and a full set of mock examinations immediately following the Christmas break of Year 11. Please ensure that your child has full attendance at school during these dates.

JCQ regulations

During the all mock examinations students will be adhering to the JCQ regulations. As per examination regulations, students must write in black biro and store all equipment in a transparent pencil case. For Mathematics and Science exams students are also required to bring subject specific equipment such as a calculator, ruler and protractor. Regarding electronic devices, in particular mobile phones and smart watches, these must not be in the possession of the student nor inside the examination room; all such items must be handed in prior to the examination.

Attendance

Under JCQ regulations we are instructed to start examinations punctually and so it is imperative that all students arrive on time. We would like to ask for your support to ensure your child arrives at school by 8.25am to allow us to start in line with regulations. In addition to this, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that under regulations, external examinations are not re-arranged. Therefore, in order to build resilience for students, it is important that students attend all mock examinations as per their timetable. In the event that your child is very unwell and therefore unable to attend school for any mock examinations, we will be asking for medical evidence to support this. Please note that the following examples are not acceptable reasons to not attend an examination: a headache, period pains, a cold, generally unwell, nervous about exams. For students with medical evidence and under exceptional circumstances, we may be able to arrange an alternative time for your child to sit this mock examination. However, please bear this is not something that will take place in external examinations and may be after school.

Thank you in advance for your support; please do not hesitate to contact myself, your child's form tutor or Mrs Elvin should you have any queries regarding your child's mock examinations.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Spencer
Deputy Headteacher

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Mrs Elvin
Head of Year 10