



12th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 core mock examinations

Thank you for attending our Support Success evening for Year 10 students and parents, we were delighted to see so many of you join us for the evening. We would like to confirm below arrangements for the upcoming mock examinations.

Year 10 in core mock examinations take place **26th February – 28th February 2024**. Students will sit mock GCSE examinations in English, Maths and Science. The purpose of the core mock examinations is to provide both students and teachers alike with information regarding students' current understanding as well as any gaps in knowledge across those core 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. Please find the examination timetable attached.

JCQ regulations

During the core mock examination 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.

Support

In addition to our Supporting Success workshops and evening, the following are also available to all Year 10:

- Log in to GCSEPod for all students using their school email address
- Log in to Sparx for Maths work
- After school access to the library for quiet study 3pm – 4pm Monday – Thursday, 3pm-3.30pm Fridays.
- Revision guides: our school shop is open at lunchtime and break time for students to purchase revision guides appropriate for the exam board.

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



Mrs Spencer
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Elvin
Head of Year 10