



4th April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Mock Exams – Summer Term

Following the core mock exams in February, I have been really impressed with the attitude of a large number Year 10 students who have taken the opportunity to reflect on their results and set themselves targets for their upcoming summer mock exams.

The summer mock exams are taking place from **Monday 16th June – Friday 27th June 2025** and will cover both **core and option subjects**. Students have received their personalised exam timetables in tutor time this week and I attach a copy of the full exam timetable with this correspondence, which can also be found on the school website; a link can be found [here](#).

The purpose of any mock examinations is to provide both students and teachers with information regarding students' current understanding as well as any gaps in knowledge across their subjects so that these can be addressed. It is therefore imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously both in terms of their preparation and conduct.

As a reminder, for all exams students will need:

- 2 x black biro pen
- 2 x pencils
- Ruler
- Calculator (lid must be left in school bag)
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses
- Highlighters (optional but highly recommended)

JCQ Regulations

During mock examinations students will be adhering to the JCQ regulations. As per examination regulations, students must write in black biro pen. Students will need to bring a transparent pencil case or clear plastic bag containing their equipment listed above. Students are permitted to take a bottle of water into examinations, but this must be in a clear bottle with no labels.

We strongly advise students to access the toilet prior to arriving at their exam destination as requesting to go to the toilet during the exam is strongly discouraged.

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.

Students are to go straight to their exam venue.

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
- 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 in mind this is not something that will take place for any external examinations.

Revision Support

We will be offering revision breakfasts in the Drama Hall during the mock period and will publish a timetable of revision sessions that will be available nearer the time. B block foyer is also open for Year 10 students only from 8am to be able to access the toilets and a quiet space to prepare. The year team will also be there to offer a drink and breakfast bars.

Thank you in advance for your support; please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, or the Year 10 office should you have any queries regarding your child's mock examinations.

Yours faithfully

Head of Year 10