

8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 will be sitting their second series of mock exams commencing on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. These will be their end of year assessments and will provide the GCSE grade they are currently working at. This data provides a starting point for their teachers when they begin Year 11 in September.

These mocks are an opportunity for students to understand the regulations of a formal exam series. In some subjects they may also determine what set a pupil is in for next year; in cases where exams are tiered may help teachers make decisions on whether 'Foundation' or 'Higher' is most appropriate for a pupil.

To help us support students achieve their best during the mocks please can you ensure that students:

- Are on time to school, the school day begins at 8:40 with the AM exam beginning at 9:00am. Any student who arrives more than an hour late for their mock exam will receive a score of 0 for that paper as that is in line with exam board procedure.
- The venue is open from 7:45am and breakfast is available
- Equipped for the exam they are sitting (calculators will be provided for exams that require them) – students must bring their own pens and pencils
- Are wearing school uniform
- Attend school every day they have a mock, in the real GCSEs there is no chance to catch up at a later date.

It is important that pupils understand the rules of the exam hall, which include, but are not limited to:

- All instructions given to them by invigilators must be followed
- Mobile phones should be switched off and in the student's bag
- Watches (smart, digital or analogue) should be in the student's bag
- Only water is permitted, and the label must be removed. If using a reusable bottle, it should be see-through.

During Year 10's first series of mocks we received multiple compliments from invigilators to say how well-behaved Year 10 had been in the exam hall and there is no reason to believe they will not repeat this over the next two weeks.

Mocks can be stressful for pupils and as a Year Team we are acutely aware of this. We want pupils to talk to their tutors or the Year Team about this. We do want to emphasise that anxiety before going in to an exam hall is normal for most people and that is one of the reasons we do mock exams.

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Date	Morning Mocks	Afternoon Mocks
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Closed	Closed
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Closed	Closed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	D&T, PE	Combined Science, Chemistry
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Business	Computer Science
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Spanish, Community Languages	Maths
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Combine Science, Physics	History, Geography

Please note that pupils may be dismissed from the school building after their afternoon exam, meaning they will leave school slightly before 3pm on some days.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school, your first contact should be their tutor. We hope you have found this information useful and wish your child or children good luck in their mocks!

Best wishes,

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