

20th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 will be sitting their second series of mock exams this week commencing on Thursday the 22nd of 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.
- Equipped for the exam they are sitting (calculators will be provided for exams that require them)
- In school uniform (please note that currently pupils do not need to wear a tie and can wear tailored shorts due to the extreme heat)
- 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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Please be aware that some pupils may end up sitting three mock exams in one day (although we have tried to limit these days) as there is a mid-morning session of mocks as well as a morning and afternoon session. This can be very draining for pupils and we do not underestimate the strain this can put on a pupil. We have tried to limit the number of days the pupils are doing mocks. The current Year 11s sat their real GCSEs over the course of 4 weeks.

Please be aware that there are no mock exams on Wednesday 28th June as this is Eid. Students who celebrate Eid should not be disadvantaged by doing so. Please contact the attendance line if your pupil will be celebrating Eid so we can authorise this absence.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school, your first contact should be their tutor whose emails are shown below

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Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		
Thursday 22/06	Friday 23/06	Monday 26/06	Tuesday 27/06	Thursday 29/06	Friday 30/06	Monday 03/07
am 09:00 Business , 1:30 Investigating ...	Combined Science Biology, 1:10 Single Science Biology 01:45	am 09:00 English Language 01:45	E Lit 01:45 (not 10En/X5)	Combined Science Physics 01:10 Single Science Physics 01:45		am 09:00 Maths Paper 3 01:30
mid mor ning 11:05 Psychology 01:25 Comp. Science Paper 1, Comp Systems 01:30		mid mor ning 11:05 Spanish Writing F 01:05		Music 01:15	RS 01:00	mid mor ning 11:05
pm 13:30 Geography Paper 1, 01:10 History Paper 2, 00:55 Elizabethan England	Maths Paper 1 01:30	pm 13:30 Combined Science Chemistry, 01:10 Single Science Chemistry 01:45	Spanish F/H Listening/Reading F 00:35/00:45	Geography Paper 2 + 3, 01:20 History Paper 1, 1:20	Maths Paper 2 01:30	pm 13:30 Computer Science Paper 2, Comp Thkng 01:30

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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