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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you as we prepare for the first set of mock examinations in Year 10. These are designed to help students experience what the GCSE exams will look and feel like next year.

Year 10 students have been working incredibly hard and have settled well in their GCSE classes. They have demonstrated excellence in the amount of ERA points and golden tickets they have received. We are proud of them; their work and their commitment to their courses has not gone unnoticed.

Below you will find a copy of the mock timetable which is planned for week commencing 12th February. You will see that students will be sitting exams in the Main Hall for English, Maths, Science and History. Assessments for other subjects will take place in class similar to the first term. A link can be found here to the exams section of the school website which details requirements around equipment in more detail.

Trial Timetable Year 10 and 12 February 2024

| | Mon 12th | Tues 13th | Weds 14th | Thurs 15th | <u>Fri 16th</u> |
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| 9 AM | GCSE Combined Science Trilogy - 90 mins GCSE Biology Paper 1 - 60 mins A Level English Lit P1 Love through the ages - 180 mins A Level Computer Science P1 - 60 mins | GCSE English Language Paper 1 - 105 mins A Level Chemistry - 2x 60 mins | GCSE English Literature-A Christmas Carol - 50 mins A Level Biology - 2x 60 mins A level Computer Science P2 - 90 mins | GCSE English Literature Power & Conflict Poetry - 50 mins A Level Psychology - 120 mins A Level Problem solving in Product Design - 105 mins | GCSE History - 60 mins A Level Business - 120 mins A Level Sociology P1 - 120 mins |
| 1 PM | GCSE Maths Paper 1 - 90 mins A Level Geography P1 - 60 mins A Level History P1 Russia - 90 mins | GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 - 60 mins A Level Principles of Product Design - 90 mins A Level Physics Paper 1 - 90 mins | GCSE Maths Paper 2 - 90 mins A Level Maths Pure & Mechanics - 90 Mins | GCSE Physics Paper 1 - 60 mins A Level History P2 China - 90 mins A Level Physics P2 - 90 Mins | A Level Maths Pure & Statistics - 90 mins |

It is crucial that all Year 10 students see this time as one of great importance. I will be communicating this within assembly that mock examinations are a diagnostic tool in which both teachers and students alike can identify areas for development to ensure success in future assessments. Following this assembly, students will receive an individual paper copy of their exam timetable.

We encourage students to complete independent revision. Below is a list of revision guides that have been recommended by subject staff. Any questions about appropriate materials for your child's option subjects should be directed to their class teacher.

English:

AQA is our exam board. CGP Guides are best for our key texts which are:

- A Christmas Carol
- Macbeth
- An Inspector Calls
- Power and Conflict
- AQA Language Paper 1
- AQA Language Paper 2

Maths:

Maths are following the Edexcel specification. CGP books would be best.





There are lots of resources on this link which Mr Darnbrook has set up: www.padlet.com/mrdarnbrook/mathsmaths

Mr Darnbrook also holds a Maths Surgery on a Tuesday lunch time which covers homework, revision, exam techniques and help with classwork. This is open to everyone.

Science:

Science are following the AQA specification and recommend any of the Clear Revise brand revision guides. These are available for Single and Combined Sciences.



History:

Saxon and Normans Paper 2 - Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Anglo-Saxon and Norman England Revision Guide and Workbook: For 2024 and 2025 assessments and exams - incl. ... learning, 2022 and 2023 assessments and exams : Bircher, Rob: Amazon.co.uk: Books

Russia Paper 3 Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Russia and the Soviet Union Revision Guide and Workbook: For 2024 and 2025 assessments and exams - incl. ... learning, 2022 and 2023 assessments and exams : Bircher, Rob: Amazon.co.uk: Books

If you have any questions around anything mentioned in this letter, please email your child's form tutor or their subject teacher. Staff members emails are at the bottom of this letter. Thank you again for your support, we are incredibly proud of Year 10 and are excited to see what they achieve this year.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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