

15th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 10 Exams

Please find enclosed with this letter, a copy of the Year 10 exam timetable for the week commencing November 23rd. The majority of students worked well during lockdown and have returned to school with a positive work ethic, therefore, have minimal gaps in their subject knowledge. However, it is important that students fully engage with all of their subjects and develop a hardworking and commitment attitude to both classwork and homework. As a result, and due to the uncertainty surrounding summer examinations, we have made the decision that Year 10 will sit two sets of internal exams; the first will be November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> and the second will be 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June.

**It is critical that students take these exams very seriously and revise as thoroughly as they would for the real exam.**

Two sets of exams will allow us to show progress over a period of several months; it will also ensure that every student has an opportunity to show his or her best work and that we are able to see clearly where there might be gaps in learning or understanding. Should we be required to do so, we will be able to produce these exam papers and grades as evidence to underpin our own classroom assessments and professional judgement, if that is the system the government decide to use next summer for the exams Year 10 are scheduled to sit.

Exams will take place under exam conditions; the papers will be slightly shorter than the real thing and will test students on areas of the curriculum which have already been covered (including during lockdown). Students who have been assessed as needing additional time, etc., will be have those access arrangements. The exam papers will use questions from previous papers and they will be marked using the exam board mark scheme, so that we can gain as accurate a picture as possible of progress and attainment.

Students will need to make sure that they come fully equipped to each exam, e.g. two black biros, pencil, calculator and so on. They should have their equipment in a clear see through bag or pencil case. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.

The timetable does not leave a great deal of time for revision between exams, but that can happen - there have been occasions during previous GCSE periods when there have been one or even two exams on three consecutive days. **Please note that, just as in the “real thing” there is no study leave** – students will be expected to be in lessons when they are not in exams. Absence during this period will not be authorised

unless there is a clear medical reason.

Yours sincerely,

*S. Gaston.*

Mrs Sue Gaston  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>Time</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Maths	Period 3 and 4
	Block D: Sport, DT, Geography, Triple Science, Art	Period 5 and 6
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Block A: CPLD, Construction, French, Spanish	Period 5 and 6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	English Literature	Period 1 and 2
	Science	Period 3 and 4
	Block C: Food, Geography, History, iMedia, Art	Period 5 and 6
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Block B: Animal Care, Sport, Geography, History, Music	Period 5 and 6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Religious Studies	Period 1 and 2