

8th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our normal assessment programme and the preparation of Year 10 students for the examinations they will take at the end of Year 11. The Year 10 exams will take place in the week commencing 27th June 2022.

These formal exams will, for the most part, take place in our exam venue. We have a programme of support in place for students to ensure they are prepared for this first exam experience. This will involve information about formal exam protocols, understanding the exam timetable and exam venue layout, the structure of the exam papers, how to plan revision and advice on the topic areas that will be covered in each individual subject assessment.

The results of these exams are for internal school use only and do not form part of the final GCSE assessments for Year 11. They will be used to identify the skills, techniques and knowledge that your child needs to develop as they progress into Year 11. The Key Stage 4 full mock exam programme is scheduled in November 2022.

The Year 10 exam timetable is printed below:

Year 10 Exam Timetable – June 2022

| Date | Session 1 Starts at 9 am Arrive at venue at 8.50am | Session 2 Starts at 11.25 Arrive at venue at 11.15 | Session 3 Starts at 2 pm Arrive at venue at 1.50 |
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| Mon 27th June | English Language 1 hour 30 minutes Sports Hall venue | Biology 1 hour 15 minutes Sports Hall Venue | Maths paper 1 45 minutes Sports Hall venue |
| Tues 28th June | Block 2 Option subject 1 hour 30 minutes Sports Hall venue Except: Art – 2 hours A19 Salon – 2 hours ASAL Music Tech – 2 hours G8c | Block 3 Option subject 1 hour 30 minutes Sports Hall venue Except: Art – 2 hours A19 Salon – 2 hours ASAL Graphics – 2 hours C4W Business/Enterprise – 2 hours A38c Health and Social – 2 hours A33 Triple Science – 2 hours B4L | Normal lessons |
| Weds 29th June | Block 1 Option subject 1 hour 30 minutes Sports Hall venue Except: Triple Science – 2 hours B2L and B5L | Chemistry 1 hour 15 minutes Sports Hall venue | Maths paper 2 45 minutes Sports Hall venue |
| Thurs 30th June | Whole school RSE Day | Whole school RSE Day | Whole school event |
| Fri 1st July | English Literature 1 hour 30 minutes Sports Hall venue | Physics 1 hour 15 minutes Sports Hall venue | Normal lessons |

Students with confirmed exam access arrangements will be notified separately regarding their exam arrangements and venues. During the exam period, Year 10 students will have priority access to the main hall dining area at the start of the break and lunch period.

Students will require the following equipment for use in exams: black pens, pencil, rubber, ruler, highlighter, scientific calculator, compass and protractor (angle measure) in a clear plastic bag or pencil case. A clear plastic water bottle with all labels removed may be taken into the exam room. If you are concerned about providing any items of exam equipment, please contact your child's tutor as we will be able to assist you.

Please avoid making any non- emergency medical and dental appointments for your child during the exam period. Any unplanned absences should be reported to the normal absence line before 8.30am. Finally, we would be grateful of your support in encouraging your child to prepare for the exams appropriately and to value the opportunity for feedback and the identification of areas for development next year.

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Mrs A C Holdgate
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