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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 have been working hard since their return to school after the Easter break and are now moving towards preparations for the upcoming mock exams, beginning **w/c 27th June**. This is a vital opportunity for us to get a further insight into students' knowledge and understanding so that we can plan our future teaching and interventions in Year 11. It is also an opportunity for students; to use the mocks to set specific goals, target areas of weakness and develop confidence in their subject knowledge and exam technique. Replicating the challenge of sitting multiple exams during a condensed period is also invaluable as it prepares pupils for the nature of the real thing. This time can be very stressful for pupils so careful planning, organisation and preparation are essential.

Revision resources

Teaching staff will be focusing on revision in lessons and as set homework, and students will be given subject-specific resources to support their preparation. Students can also access numerous online revision platforms, on any device (including mobile phones). Please encourage your child to use these additional revision tools; work is set on GCSE Pod, Hegarty Maths and Seneca ready for students to revise. Where possible, please help ensure your son/daughter knows how to log in to these platforms.

The school library is open every day until 5.30pm, and we encourage Year 10 students to make the most of this study space.

Revision timetable and 'Study Skills'

The timetable for the Year 10 exams will be available before May half term. **This will** outline the exams they will sit each day. We will also spend time in tutor time sessions helping them plan a revision timetable to help structure their revision at home. The aim behind our work on 'study skills' is to give students the appropriate toolkit for revision, in order to maximise their success.

During examination periods, it is largely what students and their families do that makes the biggest difference. The most important thing you can do as a parent at this stage is to help students plan exactly what they will need to do to give themselves the best chance of success. Please monitor and ensure that students are using and sticking to their revision timetables, and that they know what and when their different exams are. It is vital that students are committed to, and prepared for, doing their very best in the coming mock exams.

Yours faithfully

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