

February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 10 Exams 2024

I am writing to inform you of the details relating to your child's upcoming Year 10 examinations. Please find attached the timetable for the Year 10 internal exams and a possible revision timetable students can follow. The main written exams take place during the weeks of 11th and 18th March 2024, with additional practical exams noted elsewhere on the timetable.

These Year 10 exams will assess your child's learning, based on the work completed, since the start of their individual GCSE courses. They are vitally important as a progress-check, to assess the nature and extent of students' progress over this time, so staff are able to inform their planning in the coming months; as well as allowing students a clear focus for independent study for further improvement before their mock examinations in Year 11.

It is important that students are given every experience of the nature, style, and format of their final examinations in May/June 2025. As such, all examinations, apart from practicals, will take place in one of the school halls, where students will also sit their final examinations at the end of Year 11. Students with exam access arrangements will also have these in place for the exams.

Your child's preparation for these Year 10 exams will be very important, and staff will speak to students about these examinations in lessons. Students will also have revision lessons during tutorial time, focusing on effective revision strategies, together with the opportunity to trial different methods. Students will therefore need to ensure they bring material to revise every day during registration from the week of the 19th February 2024, until the examinations.

These will be supplemented by subject-specific guidance in lessons and tasks for homework, via Classcharts. The week beginning 19th February until the end of the examinations will also be dedicated to revision homework tasks only. It is also expected that students will carry out their own independent revision over the next month. Teachers will be informing students directly of the topics being assessed in each subject. An overview version of these topics is also attached so you are able to support your child in their preparation.

In addition to the information you have received in this communication, students have been provided with a revision booklet, this includes the exam timetable, revision timetable and advice on different revision strategies.

The second Y10 Progress Review, which you will receive week commencing 6th May 2024, will provide feedback on your child's progress following the exams and the Y10 Parents' Evening on 16th May 2024, and is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and examination performance, with subject teachers.

I appreciate your support in helping your child to prepare themselves for their upcoming examinations and please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's tutor, if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Nicholls', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mrs L Nicholls
Head of Year 10