

Monday 14th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 students will soon be completing a week of mock examinations, commencing on Monday 25th April - straight after the Easter holidays. This week of assessments will provide our Year 10s with their first authentic experience of revising for and completing exam papers. Mocks also provide teachers with greater understanding of where individual students are in their journey towards achieving their potential, helping them to identify gaps in both knowledge and skills. It is important that students approach them seriously and feel prepared to demonstrate their best work.

In the past few weeks, all students have attended an assembly where guidance on the importance of revision and developing study habits has been given. During PSHCE time, students have focused on the creation of study timetables to structure their revision during evenings and weekends, as well as on the use of the 'Pomodoro' method of building revision around regular breaks. They have also explored how to create more effective flashcards and use them to self-test. Further tips can be found on our school website in our [Effective Learning Strategies](#) section.

With 6 weeks to go until mock exams begin, we are asking you as parents and carers to support us in ensuring that students prepare adequately and sensibly. Experience tells us that it really helps when parents:

- know the details of the exams for each subject as well as the revision guidance that has been given by teachers (please see the attached table)
- help to create the time and environment for dedicated study - for example, you might support your child in making and sticking to a revision timetable with weekly study time for each subject planned out
- support children to work independently on their revision for a minimum of two hours each day, making use of the resources provided by their teachers (now including the brilliant GCSEPod!)

Students will receive their individual timetables, giving details of specific days, times and seating arrangements in due course. For now, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us. You should get in touch with your child's tutor or subject teacher in the first instance, depending on the nature of your query.

We are immensely proud of the commitment already being shown by our Year 10 students and wish them the best of luck over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

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Mrs K. Nichols
Assistant Principal

Subject	Mock Content	Exam Board	Time	Revision Guidance
English Language	English Language Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45	Students should continue to complete the weekly revision homework that has been set. This homework uses GCSEPod and resources provided by class teachers and covers preparation for both English Language and English Literature exams.
English Literature	English Literature partial Paper 1: <i>A Christmas Carol</i> <i>This will take place in May, after the mock exam week</i>	AQA	50 minutes	
Maths	GCSE Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator	AQA	1 hour 30	Students have been working through revision powerpoints with their class teachers. These powerpoints, which will be shared with both students and parents on Classcharts, show examples of questions which will be included in their mock exam. These topics need to be further revised by students finding similar questions on BBC Bitesize, Mymaths, Corbettmaths etc.
Combined Science: Trilogy	Biology Paper 1, Chemistry Paper 1 and Physics Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 15 each	Students should continue to complete the weekly homework that has been set in the revision booklet. Alongside this they should also be completing 2 hours of additional revision split across biology, chemistry and physics. They should be preparing a revision timetable and filling it with content areas from the topic checklists to ensure they are covering all the content that will be examined in the mock. Please note that for chemistry the topic "Quantitative Chemistry" will not be assessed as this has not been covered yet and will be removed from the mock paper.
Biology	Biology Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45	Students should continue to complete the weekly homework that has been set in the revision booklet. Alongside this, they should also be completing 3 hours of additional revision split across biology, chemistry and physics. They should be preparing a revision timetable and filling it with content areas from the topic checklists to ensure they are covering all the content that will be examined in the mock.
Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45	
Physics	Physics Paper 1	AQA	1 hour 45	
Geography	Paper 1 living world and hazards only.	AQA	1 hour	Students should be 'actively' revising the three topics covered so far at GCSE. GCSEPod and topic checklists can be used to check progress and weekly homework tasks will be set to track progress.
History	Paper 1: Crime & Punishment	Edexcel	1 hour	Students need to continue their revision of all three themes (Punishment, Crime and Law Enforcement) and the Historic environment section on Whitechapel 1870-1900. Every student has a revision checklist that they have been working on since the start of Year 10. They should aim to have at least 2 revision tasks from each row completed before the mock exam.
French	Writing	AQA	1 hour	Students will be completing a 150 word question and a translation (Higher Tier) or a 90 word question and a translation (Foundation Tier). Students need to revise content from Modules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 from their placemat booklets. Practice questions are available in the Exam Style Question booklet.
Computer Science	Combined Paper 1 and Paper 2 content	OCR	1 hour	Students need to revise paper 1 and paper 2 topics using GCSEPod and the revision PowerPoints provided on Google Classroom. Students should also use the past papers that are on Google Classroom,

				bringing in any completed questions to be marked.
Creative iMedia	R081: Pre-Production Documents	OCR	1 hour	Students need to revise the exam paper topics using GCSE pod and the revision PowerPoints provided on Google Classroom. Students should also use the past papers that are on Google Classroom, bringing in any completed questions to be marked.
Business Enterprise	R064 Enterprise & Marketing Concepts	OCR	1 hour	Continue to complete the weekly revision tasks being set from the lessons, which will include Cornell Notes, Flashcards and Mind maps. Students have been provided with a topic checklist to cover the mock exam - informing what they should know. Students should also study exam technique using previous class examples and assessments. Knowledge is "KING" so learn and understand key terms and main business concepts, issues and formulas.
Business Studies	Paper 1 Theme 1: Investigating Small Business	Edexcel	1 hour	Continue to complete the weekly revision tasks being set from the lessons, which will include Cornell Notes, Flashcards and Mind-maps as well Knowledge Workbook Tasks. Students have been provided with a topic checklist to cover the mock exam, including Topic overview sheets informing what they should know. Students should also study exam technique using previous class examples and assessments. Knowledge is "KING" so learn and understand key terms and main business concepts, issues and formulas.
Media Studies	Advertising and film posters	Eduqas/WJEC	1 hour	Students should be completing the weekly compulsory revision tasks set for them by their media teacher. Cornell notes, flashcards and mind maps can be an effective form of revision for Quality Street, This Girl Can, Spectre and The Man with the Golden Gun. Areas of focus should be context, media language and representation.
Physical Education	Paper 1: Body systems and Physical Training	Edexcel	1 hour	Students should be preparing a revision timetable as they have been for previous tests in PE. Using the revision topic overviews to plan this revision. Focus more time on areas of development. Thursday lunchtime intervention runs every week and will be working on recall of knowledge and exam question practice, attendance to this is advised and topics are shared weekly on the student bulletin.
Philosophy (Religious Studies)	Paper 1: Christian Beliefs, Paper 2: Theme A, B	AQA	1 hour	Revise Christian Beliefs and Christian practices, then you need to revise Theme A Religion and Relationships and Theme B Religion and Life. Prioritise your revision looking at Christian Beliefs and Practices though as we have only just completed your themes.
Music	Content from 1MU0/03	Edexcel	1 hour	Revise Bach, Purcell, Queen, Wicked, Star Wars and Release, ensuring that you know what the time signatures, keys, instrumentation and main structural features are for each piece. Remember to revise the musical terminology which relates to vocal music as well as the standard notational terms for lengths of note, texture, clefs and dynamics.