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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 exam arrangements: 22 April – 2 May 2025

End of year exams are almost upon us for Year 10s and play a vital role in preparing students for their real GCSE exams next summer. Exams start on Tuesday 22 April and run until Friday 2 May (an overview of the exam timetable is provided overleaf).

The exam period runs for two weeks and student attendance and punctuality for all exams is absolutely crucial in ensuring students maximise their achievement. Our attendance team will follow up any student absence in line with our policy and any missed exams will need to be completed.

Your child's performance in their exams will inform the intervention and support they will receive as they move into Year 11 and it's essential that students complete all of their exams to enable teachers to best support them. Revision and thorough preparation is crucial and students have already received guidance on revision skills and have been revising in lessons in the run up to the exams. As parents, please encourage your child to take these exams seriously and revise at home. These exams will be a trial run for their formal GCSE mock exams which will take place this November.

There are a number of arrangements in school to support your child during the exam period:

- All subjects will be sending students home with revision packs over the Easter holiday to ensure students are fully prepared. Revision homeworks will also be set on Class Charts.
- **Exams will take place at 9am and 1:15pm. Pre-exam booster sessions** will run from **8-8:30am/12:30-1pm daily** in classrooms to support students prior to each exam. Some after school revision sessions will also run. Students will have an **early lunch at 12:15pm** throughout the exam period to enable them to attend lunchtime booster sessions. More details will be shared with students so they know which sessions to attend. Outside of exam times, students will be in timetabled lessons and they will be expected to continue to revise and prepare for their exams.
- All students will receive a personalised exam timetable, showing the date and time of each exam as well as seating and rooming information.
- All students are expected to attend a **pre-exam subject briefing** in the bleachers at either **8:45am or 1:10pm** on exam days whereby subject staff will deliver key final messages and ensure students are settled and ready to start their exams calmly. Students will then be walked to the exam hall.
- **Students will be allowed to leave school straight from the exam hall once afternoon exams have finished.** Students must leave the school site quietly to avoid disruption to lessons going on in school. For students attending after school revision sessions, they will return to their period 5 lesson after exams finish.

- **Breakfast club** will run as usual in the school canteen every morning from 8am offering a selection of free items in addition to food items students may want to purchase. It's important all students have eaten before morning exams to set them up for the day ahead.
- If students are attending lessons for a subject in which they have completed all of their exams, they should come to that lesson prepared with revision work for their remaining exams.
- Access testing for students with additional needs have already begun and will run into the summer term to ensure students who need extra time, scribes, readers, rest breaks etc. have the support they need ready for the Year 11 mocks in November.

I hope this provides a comprehensive overview and thank you in advance for your support during this important exam period.

Yours sincerely,



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Yr10 exam timetable

Date	Start Time	Title	Duration
Tue 22nd April	9.00am	English Literature Paper 1 (Macbeth & A Christmas Carol)	1h 45min
Tue 22nd April	1.15pm	Maths Paper 1 (non-calculator)	1h 30
Wed 23rd April	9.00am	Combined Science Biology/Triple Biology Paper 1	1h 15/1h 45
Wed 23rd April	1.15pm	History Paper 1	1h 20
Thu 24th April	9.00am	Combined Science Chemistry/Triple Chemistry Paper 1	1h 15/1h 45
Thu 24th April	1.15pm	Maths Paper 2 (calculator)	1h 30
Fri 25th April	9.00am	English Language Paper 2	1h 45
Fri 25th April	1.15pm	Spanish Writing F/H plus Week 1 Mop Ups	1h/1h 15
Mon 28th April	9.00am	Art (A/Ar1)	3h
Mon 28th April	1.15pm	Geography Paper 1/Computer Science Paper 1	1h 30/1h 30
Tue 29th April	9.00am	Combined Science Physics/Triple Physics Paper 1	1h 15/1h 45

Tue 29th April	1.15pm	Business Unit 1/PRE Paper 1	1h 45/1h
Wed 30th April	9.00am	Art (B/Ar1)/Spanish Listening + Spanish Reading F/H	3h/35m/50m/45m/1h
Wed 30th April	1.15pm	History Paper 2	1h
Thu 1st May	9.00am	Design & Technology	2h
Thu 1st May	1.15pm	PRE Paper 2/Computer Science Paper 2	1h/1h 30
Fri 2nd May	9.00am	Hospitality	1h 15
Fri 2nd May	1.15pm	Music	1h
Tue 6th May	9.00am	English Speaking Component - all day	By appt
Wed 7th May	9.00am	English Speaking Component - all day	By appt
Thu 8th May	9.00am	English Speaking Component - morning	By appt