



24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Year 10 end-of-year assessments**

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is opportune to formally take stock of our students' learning and progress in their Key Stage 4 courses.

As a result, we will be holding a full set of pre-public examinations (PPEs, often known as 'mock exams') for Year 10 students. These will commence on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Students will receive formal exam timetables from our exams officer, Mrs Higgs, in due course.

Written examinations will take place in the hall (or other exam venues) and will look a lot like real exam papers, although of course we will only assess students on content they've been taught on their courses so far.

It is important that your child prepares well for these PPEs. With your support, they should:

- Carefully read their exam timetable and **make a plan for revision** for each subject. Effective revision plans take a repeated little-and-often approach to study, rather than blocking huge lengths of time for one subject at a time.
- Check they have the **correct equipment** for exams (just like any day at school): pens, pencils, rulers, a scientific calculator and other stationery.
- Revise using **revision techniques recommended by their teachers**. (Lots of students like to read and highlight revision guides or notes but this is one of the *least* effective revision techniques. To revise effectively, students need to actively think about the subject content, for example by quizzing themselves or trying practice questions.) There is a recorded assembly on how to revise still available to students on Google Classroom if they need a reminder of how best to revise.

As always, exam access arrangements will be in place for students who require them.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping your child prepare for these PPEs.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Wilson  
Deputy Headteacher