

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Feast and I am one of the Assistant Headteachers at Lymm High School, specifically responsible for GCSE achievement and progress. I will be working closely with Mr Scott and Mr Horne to ensure that our current Year 10 students are suitably supported through their GCSE courses, as well as ensuring that they are focused on the importance of their learning and attendance at school during this time.

After a turbulent 18 months we want to provide consistency for our GCSE students by encouraging them to take pride in their learning and preparation for external examinations, which will take place at the end of Year 11.

As part of this process, we will be running mock examinations across subjects for Year 10 shortly after the Easter holidays, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022. These examinations will provide us with crucial information regarding progress, highlighting those individuals who are on track, and also those who may benefit from additional support and early intervention.

We ask for your support at home in ensuring that your child is taking this process seriously by preparing appropriately through revision and most importantly, attending school each day to ensure that they are not missing out on key knowledge and revision support from staff. They will also need to ensure that they have the following equipment with them throughout the mock exam week. I cannot guarantee that we will have stationary available to lend to students, therefore it is essential that they have all they need with them.

- Black pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber/sharpener
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- Compass

We will be publishing the timetable on the school website before the Easter break, and all students will be given their own individual timetables which will outline the start time and venue for their examinations, as well as any access arrangements that they may be entitled to. These will be provided to students after the Easter holidays. We will also be uploading a revision support guide for all students onto the 'Revision' section of the school website to help them manage their time and revision, which will be explained in detail to them through assembly time and tutor time.

I understand that students will respond to mock examinations in different ways and it may be the case that some students will feel particularly nervous and worried. Whilst it is fairly normal to feel a little nervous before any type of examination, if you are particularly worried about your child please do contact Student

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Services for further support. These examinations are certainly not the 'be all' and 'end all' and students have plenty of time to make improvements should they need to; however, we equally want them to take them seriously to allow us to have a more accurate picture of their current progress so that we can intervene and support accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Feast

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