

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Feast, and I am responsible for overseeing GCSE achievement and progress. I will be working closely with Miss Beck and Mrs Lambert over the next few weeks and throughout Year 11, 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.

In supporting with the assessment of their course content so far, we will be running mock examinations across subjects for Year 10 after the Easter holidays, from 21st April to 1st May. These examinations will provide us with helpful information regarding progress, highlighting those individuals who are on track with expected progress 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 (please ensure they have more than one)
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber/sharpener
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- Compass
- There is a link here to a Maths kit, which may be helpful: [Maths Set](#)

The overall mock exam timetable has been published on our website and can be [found here](#). 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. They will receive this before the Easter holidays. We will also be providing revision support through assembly time and Tutor time, giving students a range of top tips and advice on how best to use the resources available to them, such as Tassomai and Sparks Maths.

All students will also be able to access an online Year 10 Revision Guide, which has been populated by our Heads of Subject, outlining exactly what to expect on the paper, as well as signposting useful revision websites and materials. In addition to this, subject teachers will also be placing various revision activities on Class Charts for students to work through over the Easter holidays and in the lead up to their mock exams, to help them in feeling prepared and confident with their subject knowledge. This will be shared electronically before the Easter holidays.





We also have a supportive guide for parents, which shares advice on how best to support your child through examinations, as well as providing the research behind the most effective revision strategies. Please follow [this link](#) for more information.

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 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,

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