

18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Year 10 Mocks

Dear Parent or Carer,

We are writing to inform you that all students in Year 10 will take pre-public GCSE/BTEC exams (Mocks) across all subjects from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 inclusive. Individual timetables for each student will be given to students in due course.

By introducing students to formal exams at an early stage, we help them to become familiar with the strict examination protocol and thereby ease feelings of apprehension. Actual GCSEs will be staffed by external invigilators who follow very closely the strict examination protocol set by the Joint Council for Qualifications. We follow these regulations closely in all internal mock examinations. Students who are not able to adhere to expectations will be sanctioned and will do the test again in its entirety after school.

During the assessment period, students should attend school every day as normal. It is important that students take these Mocks seriously, as it gives them the opportunity to experience exam questions before their official exams in summer 2022. The enclosed booklet offers revision tips and a section on how parents and family members can best lend support to students in order for them to achieve their potential. In addition, students should of course follow advice given by subject teachers on what and how to revise.

The results of these Mocks will help to measure progress towards targets, establish predicted grades, inform teaching staff of specific gaps that need addressing and allow us to plan for appropriate intervention where necessary. After the assessment period, students will receive a summary sheet of their Mock results as well as predicted and target grades and ATL.

We will be hosting a live event for students and families on Google Classrooms on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 4pm to explain the revision and exam process and answer any questions. Followed by an assembly in school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Should you require further information or additional assistance in supporting your child, please contact specific subject teachers and progress leaders.

Kind regards,

*Kate Causier*

Assistant Principal

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Examinations Officer

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