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Dear Parents/Carers,

4th April 2025

Please can you read the following information with your child, in preparation for their examinations. **Year 10 Mock GCSE Examinations – April 2025** – these will take place as indicated on the timetable that has been shared with you (this is attached).



Two of our key values are to **Aim High** and **Never Stop Learning**: both never more important than now for your child.

It is important that the examinations are approached seriously by all students to ensure maximum benefit from the experience. Please ensure your child:

- has enough **sleep** the night before their exams.
- has a full set of **equipment** to enable them to sit the examination. They will need black pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, compass, geometry set, calculator (with the cover removed) and a highlighter. The school does not have to provide equipment so please make sure your child has what they need. Tippex is prohibited.
- arrives for the examination **on time**.
- follows behaviour expectations for exams which includes no talking, no turning round, no communication of any kind with other students and always following the instructions of Exams staff. If your child finishes the exam early, they should read the questions again and check their work. They must not try to attract the attention of another candidate.
- brings a **bottle of water** with them to exams. This bottle must not have a label.



It is essential that everyone is aware of the exam regulations (attached). The key message to emphasise is that **students cannot bring any electronic device**, for example, a mobile phone or earphones into an exam nor can they have any revision notes or a watch. A calculator is only permitted for certain examinations. Mobile phones must be left in your child's bag, switched off and they must make sure they have nothing in their pockets before entering the examination venue. Your child will not normally be allowed to go to the toilet during the exam as this can be disruptive. However, if it is necessary due to a pre-existing medical condition, they will be escorted by an invigilator. Failure to follow these expectations can lead to disqualification.

We are sensitive to the pressure examinations can place on our students. Please encourage your child to take advantage of our mid-week specials every Wednesday after school until 5.45pm where they can revise with our supportive after-school coaches. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our staff are very experienced in offering advice and guidance during examination and assessment periods.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

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