

Thursday 29th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Year 10 Examinations

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the Year 10 examinations that will take place during the week beginning 30th April 2018.

Year 10 students will sit examinations in their core subjects (English, Maths, Science) and in certain GCSE option subjects. It is important to note that, although the results will be used internally as a progress check rather than contributing towards the final GCSE grade, students must prepare thoroughly and ensure that they perform to their very best during the examinations.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	GCSE History Time: 1 hour (Extra time: 15mins)	GCSE Geography Time: 1hr 30m (Extra time: 23mins)	Normal lessons	GCSE Media Studies Time: 1 hr 30m (Extra time: 23mins)	Normal lessons
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3	GCSE English Lit. Time: 1 hr 30m (Extra time: 23mins)	Normal lessons	GCSE Citizenship Time: 1 hr 45m (Extra time: 26mins)	Normal lessons	GCSE Mathematics Time: 2 hours (Extra time: 30mins)
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5	Normal lessons	GCSE Science Time: 1hr 30m (Extra time: 23mins)	Normal lessons	GCSE Dance Time: 1 hr 30m (Extra time: 23mins) GCSE Languages Time: 1 hr 40m (Extra time: 20mins)	
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NB: Year 10 students will not sit an examination in GCSE Fine Art or GCSE Music as they are currently completing practical units or practical assessments in these subjects.

The Year 10 examinations for the core subjects will focus on the following:

- GCSE English Literature: Past and Present Poetry Anthology – ‘Power and Conflict’ section / Responses to unseen poetry
- GCSE Mathematics: assessment on topics covered so far
- GCSE Science (and Triple Science): assessment on topics covered so far

The Year 10 examinations for the GCSE option subjects will focus on the following:

- GCSE Citizenship Studies: Life in Modern Britain / Rights and Responsibilities
- GCSE Dance: Dance appreciation and critical appreciation of professional works
- GCSE French: Reading and Writing (assessment on topics covered so far)
- GCSE Geography: assessment on topics covered so far

- GCSE History: Health and the People
- GCSE Media Studies: Exploring the Media (Language and Representation / Audiences and Industries)
- GCSE Spanish: Reading and Writing (assessment on topics covered so far)

Teachers will provide their classes with clear guidance on revision strategies in the run-up to the examinations but we advise students to begin their preparations during the Easter break, especially by reviewing their knowledge of the content covered so far.

We will publish details of exam venues and seat numbers a week in advance of the Year 10 examinations.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students the very best of luck in the forthcoming examinations. If you have any questions, please contact me on 0121 359 9300 or via the email below.

Yours sincerely



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