



Dear Parent/Carer

April 2026

The Year 10 mock examinations will begin in a couple of months' time and final preparations are underway in school to ensure that students have a smooth and successful exam season.

I have enclosed a copy of the mock exam. Please take the time to read this document carefully and if in doubt or you have any questions, please contact your child's subject teacher. I hope you find these resources helpful in organising your child at home.

Year 10 will follow a revised timetabled day to ensure that exams start at the official JCQ start time of 1.30pm for all afternoon exams. Year 10 students sitting afternoon exams will take their lunchtime from 12.25pm to 1.10pm.

As an exam centre, the school has to follow a number of procedures to ensure that we meet all legal requirements. We want to ensure that students are as prepared as can be for all future exams, hence the mock exam rules and regulations will mirror the exams they will be taking in Summer 2027. I have attached some guidelines for candidates about some do's and don'ts in the exam hall or other exam rooms. As technology develops, I need to make you aware that any watch, whether analogue or digital (including iWatch and its counterparts) are not permitted, these will be checked by the invigilators on entry.

Punctuality to exams is crucial, particularly in managing students' anxiety before they enter the exam venue. Please help to organise your son/daughter the night before an exam, including any equipment they might need, so that they are prepared in advance and not on the last minute.

Equipment requirements

Students need to bring their own (as school cannot provide any equipment)

Black pen, Pencil, Sharpener, Eraser, Ruler, Compass, Protractor, Scientific calculator, Highlighter
Scientific Calculators are of vital importance to students and the number of children who turn up for examinations without calculators is highly concerning. Please ensure you purchase a scientific calculator (we recommend the Casio FX-83GTCW), ahead of the exams for your son or daughter, they are required in the following subjects: Maths, all Sciences, Computer Science and Geography.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact a member of staff at the school.

Yours sincerely,

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