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Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to start to prepare your child for their final GCSE exams in the summer of 2027, we shall be getting students to sit Year 10 Core Subject Mocks (Mathematics and Science). We have found that getting students to complete a set of formal mock exams allows students to get used to the routines of exams, easing some of the pressures on students and allowing them to feel more comfortable with the examination process, ready for Year 11. It is also an opportunity for teachers to identify any gaps in knowledge, in order to set appropriate revision, support and interventions to support students in the best way possible for the remaining time in Year 10 and 11.

I have attached a mock timetable which indicates the date and time for each of the mock exams Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please note, there will be more additional mock exams in the summer term (W/C June 22<sup>th</sup>) in option subjects. Students have already sat some mock exams for English Language.

### **Exam Day Information**

Before each of the morning mock exams, students will have an exam 'booster' in which they will spend around 20 minutes with their subject teacher for some final preparation for the paper they are about to sit. These boosters are often interactive and aim to help calm students before the exam starts, as well as providing some final reminders about how students should approach the exam paper. Students from previous years always mention how helpful they found the exam boosters in preparing them for examinations.

In addition to exam boosters, exam breakfasts will again be provided for all students. Students are encouraged to come into school early (we suggest 8:00am), to complete some final revision with subject teachers being on hand to answer any questions that students may have before the exam. Toast, fruit juice, tea and coffee will be provided for students during breakfast sessions, to ensure that students are feeling fully ready to sit their exam. Students must be in school and registered by 8.30am on mock exam days.

If students have afternoon exams, they will be on early lunch and the exam will start at 13:00. For these exams, there will be no boosters.

### **Revision for Mock Exams**

We ask for students to prepare for these mocks so they can attempt these to the best of their ability. We shall be launching a form time programme to support with revision in the lead up to the mocks, but we also would suggest the following mechanisms in order to help with preparation:

- Using Dr Frost for Mathematics
- Using share point for Science
- Using revision guides for all core subjects
- Using the revision lists on class charts for mathematics

- Using the revision lists on share point for science

Please feel free to contact our Curriculum Leaders for the core subjects if you need guidance/advice around revision for your child.

Maths – Miss Bradshaw (Curriculum Leader) & Miss Hazell (SLT link for Maths)

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Science – MrJames

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If you have any queries or concerns regarding the final set of mock examinations, please contact myself, Miss Hazell on:

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Kind regards,

Miss A Hazell– Assistant Principal for KS4

| Y10 April Core Mocks |                     |   |               |       |               |       |                              |             |
|----------------------|---------------------|---|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------|
| W/C- 27th April      |                     |   |               |       |               |       |                              |             |
|                      | Breakfast / Booster | Period 1  | Period 2      | Break | Period 3      | Lunch | Period 4                     | Period 5    |
|                      | 8:00 - 9:00         | 9:00 - 10:00  | 10:00 - 11:00 |       | 11:25 - 12:25 |       | 1:00 - 2:00                  | 2:00 - 3:00 |
| Monday 27th April    | Maths Booster       | Mathematics Non Calculator Paper 1<br>1hr 30m                           |               |       | Normal Lesson |       | Biology Paper 1<br>1hr 45m   |             |
| Tuesday 28th April   | Maths Booster       | Mathematics Calculator Paper 2<br>1hr 30m                               |               |       | Normal Lesson |       | Chemistry Paper 1<br>1hr 45m |             |
| Wednesday 29th April | Science Booster     | Science Paper Combined Paper A and B<br>1 hr 30m<br><br>Physics Paper 1 |               |       | Normal Lesson |       |                              |             |
| Thursday 30th April  |                     | Catch Up Paper Sessions   |               |       | Normal Lesson |       |                              |             |
| Friday 1st May       |                     |   |               |       |               |       |                              |             |