

10 May 2023

Year 10 Trial Exams

Dear Families

Please find below important information regarding the Year 10 trial examinations which start on Friday 23 June 2023.

Year 10 Trial Exams Presentation - Thursday 18 May at 16:00

- On Thursday 18 May at 16:00, there will be a virtual presentation to all parents in Year 10 on how to support your child with revision for their Year 10 trial examinations. A link to join this presentation will be sent out to all parents on Wednesday 17 May. Please can you ensure that you join the presentation from 3.45pm onwards, as permission to enter the Google Meet will stop from 16:00. If you cannot make this presentation, it will be recorded and a link placed on the school website.

Trial Exam Week

- The Year 10 trial exams run from **Friday 23 June to Thursday 29 June 2023**. During this week, students are expected in school as normal and will have an exam in the morning and an exam in the afternoon.
- During the trial exam week, when students are in lessons (during Period 3 only), the expectation is that they use the time to revise for their trial exams. It is therefore important that students bring revision materials and resources into school during this week. If your child wishes, they can bring their laptop to revise and use the school's wifi.

Exam Timetables

- Attached to this letter is the link to the [Year 10 Trial Exams Timetable](#)
- After May half-term, students in Year 10 will be emailed their own personalised exam timetable. On your child's individual timetable you will find their exam dates, row and seat number. Please can you ensure that your child knows **which letter row they are sat in before they sit an exam**.
- It is recommended that you print a hard copy of your child's exam timetable and put it up somewhere at home.
- If your child loses their exam timetable, please contact either Ms Maddison (Head of Exams), Mr Shoobridge or Mr Dodge, who can provide them with a new version.



Revision

The expectation is that all Year 10 students should start some revision over the coming weeks, and use the May half-term in particular to revise for their upcoming trial exams.

- Please can you help support your child with their revision by ensuring that they spend sufficient time revising at home in preparation for these exams.
- To help students with their revision, a specific Google Classroom has been set up, which all students should join by next Monday, 15 May. It is titled “*Year 10 Trial Exams 2023*”. Students were instructed to join this classroom in assembly this week. Please can you check with your child that they have signed up to this Google Classroom over the weekend
- In the above mentioned Google Classroom there will be lots of useful documents students can use to help with their revision. Most importantly, a “[Year 10 Topics to Revise](#)” booklet, as well as a comprehensive [list of recommended revision guides](#)
- Getting your child to complete a [revision timetable](#) may also be useful, to work out what they are going to revise on which day. Two example timetables have been uploaded into the Google Classroom for students
- Over the coming weeks, the Year 10 pastoral team will also be delivering some revision technique sessions during tutor time, to further help students hone their revision skills and work out what form of revision works best for them.

Punctuality to Trial Exams

- Students must arrive to line up for their morning exams by 08:40 and their afternoon exams by 12:50. Please can you ensure that your child gets enough sleep the night before and is punctual to their exam. In some cases, if a student is late to their exam, or is absent, they may not be allowed to sit it (just like next May/June 2024 in the real GCSE exams).

Uniform and Behaviour during the Trial Exams

- All students should be in full school uniform during the Trial Exams period. If a student is not in full school uniform then they will not be allowed to sit their Trial Exam.
- Just like in the real GCSE exams, students that are caught communicating in the exam hall, may be disqualified and issued with a U Grade. Please can you therefore help us in reinforcing the message that once students enter the exam hall, they need to be silent and focussed on their own exam.

Things to remember in the Exam Hall

- Please ensure that your child has the necessary equipment for the exam that they are sitting. Please therefore double check with your child on which days they will need specific equipment e.g. a calculator in Maths, Science and Geography etc
- Please remind your child that they are not allowed to bring mobile phones and smart watches into the exam hall.



- Students may not have any writing or drawing on their hands or legs when entering the exam hall
- If your child has a pencil case or water bottle, both of these items need to be clear.

I hope that both you and your child find this information useful in the run up to the trial exams, which start on Friday 23 June 2023. Further trial exam updates will be sent to all Year 10 parents over the coming weeks, with some useful revision strategies. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Shoobridge (Head of Year 10).

Yours faithfully

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