



Dear Parent / Carer

Year 10 end of year Mock Exams - w/c 25th June and w/c 2nd July 2018

During the weeks commencing 25th June and 2nd July Year 10 students will be sitting a programme of mock GCSE exams for English, Maths, Science and some of their option subjects. Where sat, these mock exams will inform the basis for the third and final round of monitoring. Mock exams in English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Spanish have been externally set for use in all schools across the Multi Academy Trust. This will help moderate and standardise the grades awarded giving students, parents and teachers a valid and accurate picture of current progress. Students will be made aware of the timetable of mock exams this week; the timetable will also be posted on the school website.

Teachers for all subjects will be making students aware of how and on what content they will be assessed in the lead up to the mock exam fortnight; however included below is a summary of the assessments for the Core and EBACC subjects:

English:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	English Language Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 minutes
The number and tariff of questions	5 questions – Section A READING has 4 questions that are a response to some non-fiction texts. Section B WRITING is a non-fiction writing task. (Maximum – 80 marks: Q1 = 4 / Q2 = 8 / Q3 = 12 / Q4 = 16 / Q5 = 40)
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	They will be given a range of preparation tasks to be completed during lessons and at home.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Parents could help students to check through their responses at home and help students to complete some of the tasks under timed conditions.

Maths:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	New spec AQA papers, covering all of the units covered in KS4. The Trust have already decided which this is (we are all doing the same one). Sets 1 and 2 will do the higher tier papers, and sets 3-6 will do the foundation tier papers.
The number and tariff of questions	3 papers, each paper carries 80 marks, so a total of 240 marks available. Each paper will have approximately 20 to 26 questions thereon (they diff each year so difficult to be more specific).
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Use their exercise books to revise/use the 'Maths Watch' app/'BBC Bitesize' website.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Encourage them to revise for at least 20 minutes each evening on one topic they have identified from their exercise books.

Science:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	Content will be from Paper 1 of the exams for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Science teachers will provide a list of specific topics for students and revision packs.
The number and tariff of questions	3 papers with a total of 60 marks a mixture of short answer with one or two 5/6 mark questions.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Use the topic lists teachers have provided to go over the content and the website https://senecalearning.com/
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Ensure students have the list of topics and are working through them. Check students are using the website for content revision and answering example questions from the revision packs provided.

History:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	The assessment is 1 hour 45 minutes and is based on the Paper 2 topic – Norman England 1066-1100, and the part of the Health and the People c. 1000 – present, that has been covered so far.
The number and tariff of questions	There will be ten 8 mark questions (seven on the Normans and three on Medicine) to give a total mark of 80. There will be two interpretation evaluation questions (Normans), and one source evaluation question (Medicine). The other questions will be testing knowledge and understanding.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students need to be clear on the advised approach to particular question styles, and how to structure responses. Students should/will have condensed revision notes to use alongside their books for both units.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Parents could assist by ensuring students use their History books to prepare revision materials like flash cards or mind maps. Possible revision websites: https://www.bbc.com/education/guides/zcmfk7h/revision/2 - Normans https://www.bbc.com/education/topics/zhphvcw Medicine

Geography:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	GCSE Geography – Paper 1. Living with the Physical Environment Section A. The Challenge of Natural Hazards, Section B. The Living World, Section C. Physical Landscapes in the UK
The number and tariff of questions	88 marks in total. There is a 9 mark 'Assess' question in Section A and in Section B. All other questions range from multiple choice (1 mark), describe (2 marks) and explain (4 and 6 marks). Students are aware from lessons about the Assessment Objectives and how they apply to these tariffs.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Make mind maps and revision resources using their books. Books will be sent home and students have had a lesson modelling how to produce a mind map. Reflect on PIN sheets to see areas for development. Students are also encouraged buy an official revision guide - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946101
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Support with the production of quality and worthwhile revision materials. Whatever a student produces now (mind map, flash card etc.) will be time saved in Year 11! Purchase the revision guide.

Spanish:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	Specimen paper series. Writing (Foundation and Higher), reading and Listening – students targeted 6+ will sit higher paper for mock.
The number and tariff of questions	3 papers – each equivalent of 25% of the GCSE
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Revision booklets given for students to complete plus vocabulary sheets to learn.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Create revision notes for the vocab in the revision booklet Practice grammar (set phrases etc)

If you have any questions or queries or would like some additional information about the above please let me know.

Yours faithfully

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