

5 June 2023

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer

Year 10 Mock Examinations - Tuesday 20 June to Thursday 6 July

I am pleased to be able to share with you the details of the mock exams that your child will complete during the June mock exam period. These mock exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their GCSE examinations next summer, which are now only a year away.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at Outwood Normanby. They will also enable students to practice their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision on, moving forward. These examinations will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support over the next academic year, to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2024 exam period.

You can find the mock exam timetable below which shows all mock exams which will take place during the three week period.

Week 1

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4 12-12.30 Y7 & Y9 1-1.30 Y8 & Y10	Period 5
Tues	20 June	Y10 English revision breakfast	Y10 English Language (all students) 1 hr 45 mins				
Wed	21 June					Y10 Drama exam 55 mins	
Thurs	22 June	Y10 Science revision breakfast	Y10 Biology (all students) Combined - 1 hour 15 mins ; Triple- 1 hr 45 mins			Y10 Spanish - listening and reading	
Fri	23 June	Y10 Maths revision breakfast	Y10 Maths - Paper 1 (all students) 90 mins				

Week 2

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4 12-12.30 Y7 & Y9 1-1-.30 Y8 & Y10	Period 5
Mon	26 June	Y10 English revision breakfast	Y10 English Literature (all students) 2 hours			Y10 Geography - Paper 1 : 1 hour <i>Y10 on 12.30pm lunch today</i>	
Tues	27 June	Y10 Maths revision breakfast	Y10 Maths - Paper 2 (all students) 90 mins			Y10 History- Paper 1 : 1 hour 15 mins <i>Y10 on 12.30pm lunch today</i>	
Wed	28 June	Y10 Science revision breakfast	Y10 Chemistry (all students) Combined - ; Triple- 1 hr 45 mins			Y10 Hospitality and Catering (written): 1 hour 10 mins <i>Y10 on 12.30pm lunch today</i>	
Thurs	29 June	Year 10 Middlesbrough College Taster Day					
Fri	30 June	Y10 Maths revision breakfast	Y10 Maths - Paper 3 (all students) 90 mins			Y10 Geography - Paper 2 : 1 hour <i>Y10 on 12.30pm lunch today</i>	

Week 3

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4 12-12.30 Y7 & Y9 1-1-.30 Y8 & Y10	Period 5
Mon	3 July		Y10 Catering practical exam (group 1)			Y10 Catering practical exam (group 2)	
		Y10 Spanish revision breakfast	Y10 Spanish writing 1 hr (F)/ 1 hr 15 mins (H)				
Tues	4 July	Y10 Science revision breakfast	Y10 Physics (all students) Combined - ; Triple- 1 hr 45 mins			Y10 History- Paper 2 : 55 mins	
Wed	5 July		Y10 Catering practical exam (group 3)			Y10 Catering practical exam (group 4)	
		Y10 DT revision breakfast (TBC)	Y10 Design and Technology (38 students) 2 hours				
			Y10 Art practical exam (group 1)				
Thurs	6 July		Y10 Music practical exam				
			Y10 Art practical exam (group 2)				

Please find additional details regarding the mock exams below:

Revision breakfasts and morning exams

Before every morning exam there will be a revision breakfast session starting at 7.30am. The revision breakfast is a fantastic opportunity for students to complete final preparations for each exam, including receiving a free breakfast. This is an important part of preparing for each exam - just as we will do in the summer GCSE exams - and we hope that every student takes up this opportunity.

Students with a morning exam should arrive at school at 7.30am and join their teachers in their normal lesson classrooms. After breakfast is served in the dining area, students will line up on the yard outside of the exam hall by 8.40am. Examinations will commence promptly at 8.45am.

Afternoon exams

To accommodate the afternoon exams, Year 10 may eat lunch 12.30pm - 1pm. Students who have an afternoon exam will line up outside the exam hall at 1pm for a prompt start. Students who do not have an afternoon exam will go to normal timetabled lessons.

Expectations

Senior Leaders will conduct assemblies with Year 10 to share some of the exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and smart watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case (although equipment will be provided for each examination)
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade. It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via c.gibson@normanby.outwood.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully



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