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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 10 Trials Examinations

We are writing to you regarding the Year 10 trials examinations, due to take place between **Tuesday 21st June and Friday 1st July 2022.**

Students will be made aware of the exam arrangements and expectations in an assembly with Mr. Hill, Head of Year 10 and Mr. Heggs after half term. An individual timetable is produced by our examinations manager, Mrs. Day, for all students to assist them in organising their time during the trial exam period. It will contain information about the subjects they study, the length of the exam paper, the examination location and their seat number.

On the back of this letter is a generic version of the timetable to assist students in planning their revision timetables ahead of the examinations. We believe that is important that students plan carefully their revision time between now and the trial examinations so that they build in good habits ahead of Year 11.

During the trial examinations:

- Students are expected to be in full school uniform.
- As a minimum, students will need to bring a black pen (plus spare), pencil, ruler and rubber for every examination.
- Maths and Science exams will also require a scientific calculator.
- Subject teachers will inform pupils of any additional equipment required for specific examinations.
- Subject teachers should be able to answer any questions about the specific requirements of an exam but if not then pupils should speak to the head of subject / head of faculty.

In some subject areas it is possible that additional exams will take place during normal lessons outside of this week. This may include individual language listening exams and language orals. Students will be informed directly of any additional arrangements.

Some of the afternoon examinations may finish before the end of the formal school day (2:45pm). We do allow students to leave the building before 2:45pm if that is the case.

It is also possible that examinations can run past 2:45pm and so it is important that students look at the length of each exam and the implications for travelling home or other after school activities.

These examinations are an important part of the school curriculum and form a basis for the decisions about levels of entry for the Summer 2023 Key Stage 4 Programme. They will also give

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teachers, students and parent/carers important information on progress and attainment which will help us to fully prepare students for the Summer 2023 exam series.

We are sure that you will help and support your child throughout this period and ask that you reinforce our high expectations in terms of behaviour in and around the examination halls.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the examination process please feel free to contact school.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr. C. Heggs Assistant Headteacher: Progress and Assessment

J. Day

Mrs. J. Day Examinations Manager

Year 10 Generic Exam Timetable

	Morning Exam	Afternoon Exam
Tuesday 21 st June	History	No Examinations
Wednesday 22 nd June	English Language	No Examinations
Thursday 23 rd June	No Examinations	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)
Friday 24 th June	No Examinations	Biology (triple and combined students)
Monday 27 th June	Geography	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)
Tuesday 28 th June	English Literature	S
Wednesday 29 th June	Q	Chemistry (triple and combined students)
Thursday 30 th June	Р	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)
Friday 1 st July	Т	Physics (triple and combined students)

Additional Information:

This year has been particularly challenging to put together the trials timetable as GCSE examinations are running later than usual due to the impact on learning of COVID-19 isolations.

The 'no examinations' blocks on the timetable are due to Year 11 and Year 13 examinations taking place.

- Year 10 break will be from 11:00am 11:15am (back to the normal break time) whether a student has an examination in the morning or not.
- Period 3 each day will be the normal Year 10 timetable and so students should come prepared for this lesson.
- Year 10 students will have lunch during 4a (12:15pm 12:45pm)
- Morning examinations will begin after study time (9:00am)
- Afternoon examinations will begin after 4a lunch (12:45pm)