

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 10 Curriculum Information

As we approach exam season for our GCSE cohort, we are writing with some information about activities being held in the remainder of the academic year to support our Year 10's. We are very proud of how they have approached their GCSE courses this year and are sure they will continue to work hard and achieve their full potential when they start their final exams in 12 months' time.

#### Mock Exams

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Year 10 had an assembly where they were informed of their upcoming mock examinations, which will be sat between **17th June and 7th July 2026**.

More information will be shared by individual class teachers as to what each exam will contain and how your student can prepare and revise.

These mock exams will be sat in the Sports Hall to replicate the experience of their full GCSE exams, and Exam Board regulations will apply. The full school mock timetable is available here: [download.asp](#), individual timetables will be shared with the students nearer the time but details of exam regulations are shared on the Exams section of our website and the JCQ Guidance is available here: [JCQ Exam Regulations](#). We would appreciate it if you would ensure your student is familiar with these before they commence their mock examinations.

Students will receive their mock exam results and updated current and predicted grades on a Mock Results day in Autumn 2026. These results will be required for college applications which will also be completed in Autumn 2026.

Students will sit a further set of mock exams in December 2026/January 2027.

#### Curriculum and Examination Support

If you wish to see in more detail what your child is studying in each subject in each year, all of our curriculum plans are available on our website: [Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy - Curriculum Plans](#)

Our Year 10 students have already worked hard on completing coursework and internally assessed components for vocational courses. The majority of Year 10 students have approached these and their lessons positively and we are very proud of them already. **To ensure they achieve their full potential in their mock exams and final GCSE exams in summer 2026, they must continue to work hard at school and at home.** We encourage all our students to continue to approach their lessons with a positive attitude, regularly communicate with their subject teachers, revise at home and act on their teachers' advice. We are confident that the students who do this will be rewarded with some excellent results at the end of their courses.



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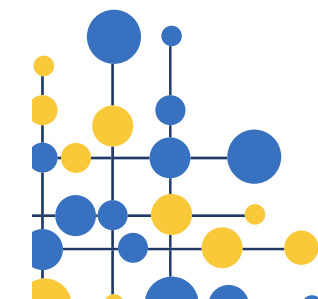
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To provide some more information on how you can best support your student through their GCSE journey, we are planning to hold a **Parents Revision/Support evening on Thursday 21st May 2026** where we share how to access online resources and model strategies that students and parents can use to help prepare for examinations in the coming year. More information on the structure of this session and how to book to attend this evening will be shared soon.

### **Work Experience and mock interviews**

All Year 10 students will be completing **Work Experience from the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026** for 1 week. Students will receive a letter from the risk assessment company NYBEP nearer to the time with a copy of the work experience risk assessment and details of the placement. It is recommended that following the receipt of the letter, parents and students contact the placement to double check expectations around dress code, timings and any questions you may have. Following the placement students will receive feedback about their conduct on placement to help them with their CV writing and preparations for their life after school. **Any students who have not secured a placement for that week will be in school for normal lessons.**

All Year 10 students will take part in a **mock interview on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**. Students will be asked interview questions by a volunteer from a local business to prepare them for their Post 16 interviews in Year 11. Students will be expected to present themselves in with their smartest uniform and will be prepared for the soft skills of an interview during PD Time prior to the day. Every student will receive individual feedback to help them to continue to improve their interview technique.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Whilst attendance and punctuality are always important at school, at this vital time in your child(ren)'s academic journey it is essential that all students attend, are punctual and remain in school. Research tells us that attendance below 95% can result in a drop of at least one GCSE grade in all subjects. We thank you for your continued support in this area.

### **Further Support**

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact their PD tutor in the first instance.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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