

May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 Mock Exams and Exam preparation

Thank you for your support over the year to date. We are extremely proud of the way our Year 10 students have settled into their GCSE studies and how they have adapted to an increasingly challenging curriculum with positivity and growing resilience. Following your attendance at our recent Year 10 Parents Evening, you will be aware that your child's mock **exams will start on Thursday 22nd June 2023**. The aim of this letter is to help parents and carers understand how to best support their child(ren) by sharing with you what we will be doing at school to support all our students as the academic year moves into the final half term of year 10 and on to year 11.

We are running a Mock Examination period in June of Year 10, to help students to practice GCSE style questions under examination conditions. These mocks will help subject staff to accurately assess how all students are doing at this stage in their learning journey so that they can make sure that teaching and learning in year 11 meets the specific needs of students. We want all students to feel confident, know what they are good at and what they need support with, and how school will help them to keep improving positively. Whilst these examinations are important, I must stress that students have much more learning to do, so they must not worry unduly and instead use the time to achieve their personal best.

June Mock Exam Preparation

As our Year 10 students move closer to these important assessments, we would like to continue our support outside of the classroom, to ensure all our students feel confident and well prepared. The **Achieve Programme** will continue to run after school from 3pm to 4pm and allow students the opportunity to revise specific topic areas, with their subject specialist teachers in the coming weeks.

[Click here to access the Achieve Programme](#)

Students have started to complete a study skills booklet within form time, where they are practicing different revision techniques. These techniques can then be applied when revising at home in preparation for each exam. All revision resources can be accessed on the school website by clicking [here](#).



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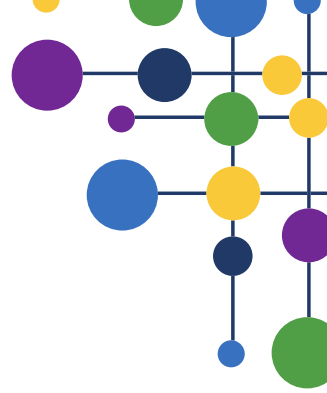


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Exam Timetable

I enclose a copy of the mock examination timetable; students will receive personalised timetables in due course. During **most** of the mock examination period there will be two exam sessions per day:

- **Session 1** will start at **08:45** and be followed by their break.
- **Session 2** will start at **12:40**; students sitting exams in this session will be dismissed straight from the exam, this may in some cases be shortly before 2:45pm. Students will be expected to return to lessons for shorter afternoon session exams (see highlighted in red).

[Click here to access the Exam Timetable](#)

Attendance and Exam Expectations

During the mock exam period:

- Students will be expected to arrive at school, in **full school uniform** and with the **required equipment** ([click here to view the checklist](#)), at 8:40am to enable a prompt start to session 1.
- **Students not sitting an exam will be expected to attend all lessons.**

Prior to the mock exam period students need to be aware of the Joint Council of Qualifications (JCQ) rules and regulations that apply to all examinations. These will be emailed out separately to all students and parents. Please ensure your child(ren) read and understand these regulations. If you have any questions regarding the mock examinations, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs O'Brien (lynn.obrien@sharemat.co.uk) who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish every year 10 student every success in all their examinations.

Yours faithfully,

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