

4 May 2024

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer

Year 10 Mock Examinations - Monday 24 June to Thursday 11 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 practise 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 2025 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

Please note that Year 10 students will be visiting Middlesbrough College on Thursday 27 June, but further details of this event will be shared at a later date.

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon	24 June	Revision breakfast	Y10 English Language <i>2 hours</i>			Y10 Geography <i>1 hour</i>	
Tues	25 June	Revision breakfast	Y10 Maths <i>1 hour 30 mins</i>			Y10 History <i>1 hour 20 mins</i>	
Wed	26 June	Revision breakfast	Y10 Biology <i>1 hour 45 mins</i>			Y10 Spanish - reading and listening	
Thurs	27 June		Middlesbrough College Taster Day - All Year 10				
Fri	28 June	Revision breakfast	Y10 Maths <i>1 hour 30 mins</i>			Y10 Catering <i>80 mins</i>	

Week 2

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon	1 July	Revision breakfast	Y10 English Literature <i>2 hours</i>			Y10 Chemistry <i>1 hour 45 mins</i>	
Tues	2 July	Revision breakfast	Y10 Maths (Paper 3) <i>1 hour 30 mins</i>			Y10 ICT <i>80 mins</i> Y10 Health and Social Care <i>90 mins</i>	
Wed	3 July	Revision breakfast	Y10 Physics <i>1 hour 45 mins</i>			Y10 Spanish - writing	
Thurs	4 July	Revision breakfast	Y10 History <i>55 mins</i>			Y10 Geography <i>1 hour</i>	
Fri	5 July	Revision breakfast	Y10 Design and Technology <i>2 hours</i> Y10 Drama <i>55 mins</i>				

Week 3

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon	8 July	No revision breakfast - but breakfast available in dining hall from 8:20am	Y10 Catering - practical <i>3 hours</i>				
Tues	9 July				Y10 Art - 10 B (and Geography field trip)		
Wed	10 July				Y10 Art - 10 A		
Thurs	11 July				Y10 Art - 10 C		

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.

Expectations

Senior Leaders will conduct assemblies with Year 10 to share 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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