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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you as part of the preparation for the Year 10 exams that will commence on **Monday 21st June 2021 and run until Friday 2nd July 2021**. Your child has received a copy of the timetable to support their revision and own preparation. It is essential that if there is any concern or query, that Mrs Vincent (Examinations Officer) is informed immediately.

The exams that are taken are a vital element of the courses that are being studied at Key Stage 4 and help to prepare every pupil for further exams taken in Year 11 before the final exams in the summer of 2022. They provide the staff with a clear understanding of the current ability and understanding within each subject area, so that additional support can be provided where necessary. It also provides an opportunity to offer more accurate predictions prior to Year 11.

For each individual pupil, they provide an understanding of where the strengths and areas for development are, so that greater focus can be given where it is needed. It also enables pupils to have a clearer understanding of their predictions prior to beginning their applications for college in Year 11. For those who study BTEC or other Technical Awards, they are a useful opportunity to prepare for the external exams that are to be taken during Year 11.

It is important to note that for the vast majority of pupils the exams will be completed in the school hall, with each pupil assigned to a particular desk. Those who are entitled to additional Access Arrangements will be working elsewhere with a member of staff.

The exams are conducted in the same manner that would occur when taking external exams, and so the following must be considered:

- Mobile phones, smart watches or other storage devices are not permitted
- Water bottles have to be clear and not have any writing on them, and contain only water
- Pencil cases have to be clear and placed on the floor
- The appropriate stationery is required – black pens, ruler, pencil, protractor
- Scientific calculators will be needed, especially in Mathematics and Science exams. In the current context, it is even more important that we do not loan them, and ask that each pupil brings their own.

In order to support your child, encourage them to produce a revision timetable and to try to stick to it. Simply reading their work or going online will not necessarily enable them to remember what they need. Encourage them to write out the key points and then to explain it to you. Revision cards, with a question on one side and the answer on the other will help, as they have written it out and you have the answers to support them. In addition, if online resources are used as well, then BBC Bitesize, Sam Learning and Mathswatch are appropriate sites, as well as any others that are identified within specific subject areas. Further support will also be given in tutorial and individual lessons.

Kind regards.

Mr R. Featherstone
Deputy Headteacher