

April, 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 10 GCSE PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS
Monday, 26th – Friday, 30th April, 2010

I am writing to provide you with the timetable for the forthcoming Year 10 GCSE Practice Examinations to be taken by all Year 10 students.

These are, as I am sure you are aware, very important examinations for the school and the students. It is essential, therefore, that students prepare thoroughly and do the very best they can.

The results of these exams will provide useful indicators to the current performance of Year 10 students and enable the school to assess how well students are doing against the GCSE predicted TMG and TCG (Target Minimum Grades and Target Challenge Grades). It will also support Subject Leaders to decide which level of examination paper (Foundation or Higher) students should be entered for in Year 11.

Students will be expected to attend **all** examinations for subjects they are taking. Students will return to their timetabled lessons when not in an examination.

Students should arrive promptly to school having looked closely at the examination timetable beforehand. The venue for all examinations is indicated on the timetable, as are the duration and start times.

These examinations will be treated as formal GCSE's and, therefore, expectations regarding behaviour will be as stringent. Silence must be maintained from the time of lining up to enter the examination room, throughout the examination and until after they leave the examination room. All students must wear full school uniform. **Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the invigilator before entering the examination room.** They will then be returned at the end of the examination.

Please ensure that your child arrives properly equipped. They will need 2 pens (**black ink only**), a pencil, a rubber and a ruler. Their Mathematics and Science teachers will advise them of essential equipment for their subject areas, which will include a calculator, protractor and compass. Please note that the school is not in a position to lend out calculators to students and they are not permitted to share, so failure to bring one could **seriously disadvantage** your child.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the above examinations please do not hesitate to contact the Examination Officer (Mr Hall) on the school number.

Yours faithfully,

Ms G. Mason
Assistant Head Teacher

Mr R Hall
Examinations Officer