



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Year 10 Pupils,

### **Re: Year 10 Mock Examination Information**

Next week, Year 10 pupils will experience their first set of iGCSE mock examinations. This is an important milestone in their academic journey, and we want to ensure both pupils and parents understand what these mocks are, and what they are not.

#### **WHAT ARE MOCK EXAMS?**

Mock exams are practice examinations designed to:

- Give pupils a realistic experience of sitting formal exams under timed conditions.
- Help pupils identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- Provide teachers with valuable information to guide future teaching and support.

#### **WHAT MOCKS ARE NOT**

Mocks **do not determine final grades**. They are a **learning tool**, not the final assessment. However, they should be taken seriously as they help pupils prepare for the real modular exams at the end of Year 10 and the remaining linear exams in Year 11, alongside the remaining Maths and Science modular units.

#### **Subjects and Schedule**

Year 10 pupils will only sit exams in their two modular subjects: Mathematics and Science. There will be four exams in total and they will take place in the MPH (Multi-Purpose Hall). The pupils will have a briefing assembly this week to answer any questions they have about the exams and the protocols in place.

#### **Science**

##### **Combined (Double Award) Science Pupils:**

- \*Biology Unit 1 – 1 hr 10 mins (Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January)
- \*Chemistry Unit 3 – 1 hr 10 mins (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January)
- \*Physics Unit 5 – 1 hr 10 mins (Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January)



### **Triple Science Pupils:**

- Biology Unit 1 – 1 hr 40 mins (Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January)
- Chemistry Unit 1 – 1 hr 40 mins (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January)
- Physics Unit 1 – 1 hr 40 mins (Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January)

\*Combined Science pupils will return to normal lessons after their exam for the remainder of Period 1.\*

### **Mathematics**

- Exam: Unit 1 Modular iGCSE (Foundation or Higher Tier)
- Unit 1 – 2hrs. (Monday 19th January)

### **Revision Guidance**

The content for these units is clearly outlined in the specifications available on Teams. Pupils should focus their revision on the topics listed for each unit and make use of the resources provided by their teachers.

In addition, pupils are strongly encouraged to access and utilise:

- Seneca Learning
- Save My Exams
- Dr Frost Maths
- SAM Learning

These platforms provide interactive learning, practice questions, and revision notes tailored to the iGCSE curriculum.

Attached is the pupil timetable for your reference along with guidance on examination equipment regulations.

We encourage pupils to approach these mock exams with commitment and positivity. They are an excellent opportunity to build confidence and develop effective exam strategies ahead of their real modular exams this summer and the remaining exams in Year 11.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

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## EXAM EQUIPMENT AND REGULATIONS

Year 10 pupils may not have experienced formal exam regulations before. It is essential that they are familiar with the following requirements:

### Required Equipment:

- Pens (black ink), pencils, ruler, eraser
- **Scientific calculator** for both Maths and Science exams
- Any subject-specific tools such as a protractor and compass

### Exam Rules:

- Clear pencil case only
- Clear water bottle with **no labels**
- No mobile phones, smart watches, or electronic devices are allowed in the exam hall
- All required equipment must be on the desk before the exam begins

These rules are in place to ensure fairness and compliance with examination standards. Pupils should prepare their equipment in advance and arrive promptly for each exam.



\* Combined Science Pupils to return to class with timetabled teacher for the remainder of Period 2

Exams will take place in the MPH