

May 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

**Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations
Wednesday 20th June – Friday 29th June July 2018**

Your daughter will take her GCSE Year 10 Pre-Public examinations between the above dates. Attached is a copy of the exam timetable.

We consider these examinations to be very important for a variety of reasons:

1. The results are used to inform students, parents and staff of progress and attainment
2. The marks and grades are used by staff to support future challenging but realistic target setting for individual students which we know raises expectations and achievement
3. The marks are carefully considered by staff as part of the evidence they use when drawing up candidates for GCSE tier entries
4. The marks are used as a guide for staff to target further appropriate intervention

In order for your daughter to prepare fully and get used to the systems for public examinations, Year 10 students will have study leave for 6 days – **Friday 22nd June – Friday 29th June 2018**. Study leave means students only need to attend school for examinations although they must be in correct uniform. Students may use the LRC for quiet revision between examinations if they wish. All students will be in school on 20th and 21st June.

As a way of preparing students for their final GCSE exams, systems for the Year 10 exams are exactly as they are for public examinations and there are strict regulations that must be followed. The majority of written exams are taken in either the Hall or Gym, see overleaf for more details.

The Hall complex has no secure area for belongings. Therefore, during study leave **students should not bring bags as these cannot be taken into the exam rooms**. Any student who forgets this will have to leave her bag outside the hall and we do not take responsibility for its security.

Please note the following which are the arrangements for all external examinations:

1. **Mobile phones cannot be taken into the exam rooms and therefore students must not bring them to school during the exam period as there is no safe place to store them**
2. Students may place keys under their chairs
3. Your daughter must bring her own basic equipment of pen, pencil, ruler and rubber for each exam. In addition, she should have an appropriate calculator for the necessary papers. The school cannot supply calculators for examinations
4. Students must arrive at least **15 minutes before** the start of an examination
5. Students may bring with them a bottle of water but the label must be removed

This is a crucial time and we ask you to support your daughter by ensuring she revises and prepares for her examinations and takes the exams and procedures seriously. We are anxious that she does really well in order to give her confidence as she embarks upon her final GCSE year.

Students will be issued with personalised timetables after the half term break. If you have any queries regarding these exams please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Manager, Mrs Baker.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Jones
Headteacher

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Date	Start	Examination	Venue	Length	Students
Wed 20 th June	9:00	French Writing F/H	Hall	60/75 mins	88
		Spanish Listening F/H	D1 / D2	35/45 mins	35
		Spanish Reading F/H	D1 / D2	45/60 mins	35
Thu 21 st June	9:00	German Listening F/H	B4 / B7	35/45 mins	25
		German Reading F/H	B4 / B7	45/60 mins	25
Fri 22 nd June	9:00	CiDA	B20 (IT)	1hr 30mins	21
	11:20	Drama	Hall	1hr 30mins	33
		Food	Hall	1hr 30mins	16
		Computer Science	Hall	1hr 30mins	31
		Media	Hall	1hr 30mins	20
	14:00	German Writing F/H	Hall	60/75 mins	25
		Spanish Writing F/H	Hall	60/75 mins	35
French Listening F/H		Gym/S20 / S21	35/45 mins	88	
		French Reading F/H	Gym/S20 / S21	45/60 mins	88

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Date	Start	Examination	Venue	Length	Students
Mon 25 th June	9:00	English Lit	Hall/Gym	2hr 15mins	202
	14:00	Sociology	Hall	1hr 15mins	75
Tue 26 th June	9:00	Maths (calculator)	Hall/Gym	30mins	202
		Maths (non-calculator)	Hall/Gym	1 hour	202
	11:20	PE Paper 1	Hall	1hr 45mins	34
		14:00	Biology	Gym	1 hour
	Combined Science (B)		Hall/Gym	1 hour	147
Wed 27 th June	9:00	Chemistry	Gym	1 hour	55
		Combined Science (C)	Hall/Gym	1 hour	147
	11:20	Physics	Gym	1 hour	55
		Combined Science (P)	Hall/Gym	1 hour	147
	14:00	Business	Hall	1hr 30mins	48
Thu 28 th June	9:00	Citizenship	Hall	1hr 45mins	101
		Religion	Gym	45 mins	45
	11:20	Geography	Gym	1hr 30mins	76
		History	Hall	1hr 20mins	126
	14:00	Child Development	Hall	1hr 15mins	53
Fri 29 th June	9:00	English Lan	Hall/Gym	1hr 45mins	202
	11:20	PE Paper 2	Hall	1hr 15mins	34
	14:00	Music	Gym (sound)	2 hours	24
		Product	Hall	1hr 30mins	13
		Dance	Hall	1 hour	24