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Our ref: MB/SM

27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Year 10,

## **Re: Year 10 Internal Examinations 19<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June**

The exams start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June and will continue until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Students will be in lessons unless they have an exam, Careers event or Sixth Form/ South Downs taster session. However, the normal Year 10 teaching timetable will be suspended from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June and students will arrive to school slightly later and leave site earlier between those dates. This is due to Challenge Week taking place during those times and teaching staff will not be available.

During 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June students will not have tutor time in the morning. They will need to line up at 9:15am for session 1 exams. **However, students must come to an assembly in the Hall for 9am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, as Mrs McQuiston wants to go through some final reminders about the work experience week.** Students will be supervised between session 1 and 2 exams and will line up at 12:30 for session 2. Following completion of session 2 exams, students will be allowed to leave the school site to go home. We will assume that you give permission for your child to leave site. However, if not, we can provide supervision until the end of day if required. Please fill in the requisite form on page 3 and return to Mrs Mitchell if you are not willing for your child to arrive later/leave earlier than normal school times.

The examinations timetable is provided on the second page of this letter. Your child will receive a detailed outline of revision topics for each subject to prepare for these exams - electronic copies will be published on our website and shared with the students on Teams/Class Charts.

I am sure there is little need for me to stress the importance of these examinations. They will give students, parents/carers and teachers a clear indication of the progress being made in each subject. Equally, they will determine areas in need of development over the course of Year 11 as the students progress to their final summer exams in May and June 2024.

I hope the timetable and procedures are clear to you, but should you have any query please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mitchell (Head of Year 10) or myself.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bamford - Assistant Headteacher

## Y10 Exams - June 2023

Date	Day	Session 1 9:00	Session 2 11:50 (unless otherwise stated)	Session 3 (2:15 unless otherwise stated)	Notes
19/06/2023	Monday	Y10 Professional Day session - this will take place during lesson 1 (Cohort 1) and lesson 2 (Cohort 2)	Geography (1h15m) <u>for those who do both History &amp; Geography</u> (32)	PE practical - Mr Wade's class only (Y10 have PE anyway)	Normal lessons if not in an exam
20/06/2023	Tuesday	Food Practical (2h) 'Y' group	Food (1h) - both classes		
		PE (1h) Mr Wade's class only	Design & Technology (1h30m)		
21/06/2023	Wednesday	Art A8	Art A8	Art A8	
		Photography A6	Photography A6	Photography A6	
		Music (1h15m)	Computer Programming (2h) <u>CLASH ZL</u>		
		Drama (1h15m)			
Food Practical (2h) 'Z' group, as you have Food P1 anyway.					
22/06/2023	Thursday	South Downs taster day or Sixth Form taster day	South Downs taster day or Sixth Form taster day	Normal lessons P5, but South Downs taster day students can go home directly	
23/06/2023	Friday	Languages - Reading & Listening (1h30 F or 2h H)	Languages - Writing (1h)		Normal lessons if not in an exam
<b>Weekend</b>					
26/06/2023	Monday	Business (1h45m)	Media (1h30m)		Normal lessons if not in an exam
		Computer Programming <u>FOR ZL ONLY</u>			
<p>Tuesday - Friday is Challenge Week, so teachers are not available. This is why all of your core tests are within this time as you will all be sat in those exams and will not need supervision elsewhere. There are not enough core tests to fill the week, so History and Geography (large subjects) have been put on Tuesday afternoon. You will not go to tutor time Tuesday-Thursday, so you just need to come to line up outside the Hall/JP at <b>9:15am</b> for session 1 exams. <b>However, on Friday, you have an assembly at 9am as Mrs McQuiston wants to go through some final reminders for the work experience week.</b> For session 2 exams, you need to line up at <b>12:30</b>.</p>					
27/06/2023	Tuesday	Maths Calculator (1h30m)	Geography (1h15m)	If you study History <u>and</u> Geography, do History on Tuesday 27th and do your Geography on Monday 19th.	
			History (2h)		
28/06/2023	Wednesday	RE (1h45m, but 1h for set 5)	Biology 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)		
29/06/2023	Thursday	English (2h15m)	Chemistry 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)		
30/06/2023	Friday	<b>YEAR 10 ASSEMBLY AT 9AM (WORK EXPERIENCE)</b> , followed by Maths Non Calculator (1h30m)	Physics 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)	You can go home as soon as your last exam of the day finishes. However, you are not permitted to go off site between session 1 and session 2.	
<b>Weekend</b>					

- Language speaking tests will also take place as part of this process. Language teachers will provide your child with further details.
- We will try to allow students to gain access to the Canteen/Pit Stop between exams, but there is no guarantee that this will always be possible.

**Revised timings for the school day for Y10 between 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June only**

If you are **not** willing to allow your son/daughter to arrive to school later in the mornings and leave site at the end of the afternoon exam (27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June), I would ask you to complete the pro forma at the bottom of this page, detach this sheet and return it immediately to Mrs Mitchell. In cases where students do not return this pro forma by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**, it will be assumed that parents and carers give permission for their child to arrive at school for 9:15am and are happy for them to leave site at the end of their session 2 exam. If a student stays in school, they will work independently in the canteen; no lessons will take place (Challenge Week is taking place at the same time). Historically, it is rare for students to need this facility.

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**(return to Mrs Mitchell by 26/5/23 if you are not willing for your child to arrive later/ leave site after their session 2 exam)**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

I am not willing to allow my child to arrive later to school/ leave the site after their afternoon exam between 27-30<sup>th</sup> June.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Person with parental responsibility

Please provide details why your child will not be able to follow the revised timings:

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