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22nd April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Year 10,

Re: Year 10 Internal Examinations 17th - 28th June

The exams start on Monday 17th June and will continue until Friday 28th 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 Monday 24th to Friday 28th 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 24th-28th 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 28th 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 Over 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 2025.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Bamford - Assistant Headteacher

Y10 Exams - June 2024

Date	Day	Session 1 9:00	Session 2 11:50 (unless otherwise stated)	Session 3 (2:15 unless otherwise stated)	Notes
17/06/2024	Monday	Y10 Professional Day session - this will take place during lessons 1-4.	Y10 Professional Day session - this will take place during lessons 1-4.	PE practical - Mr Wade's class only (Y10 Cohort 1 have PE anyway)	Normal lessons if not in an exam
18/06/2024	Tuesday	Sixth Form Taster	Sixth Form Taster	Flexible finish - students will go straight home from the South Downs/ Sixth Form Taster Day when finished.	
		South Downs taster	South Downs taster		
19/06/2024	Wednesday	Art 'Y' A8	Art 'Y' A8	Art 'Y' A8	
		Photography A6	Photography A6	Photography A6	
		Textiles A5	Textiles A5	Textiles A5	
		Design & Technology (1h30m) not in Hall - CLASH LG, JM-D & JG	Languages Writing (1h F or 1h15m H) - 12:30 line up) 4 X CLASH (JC, OL-P, AJ & ML)		
20/06/2024	Thursday	Art 'X' A8	Art 'X' A8	Art 'X' A8	Normal lessons if not in an exam
		Film (1h30m)	Computer Programming (1h30m)		
		PE (1h)/ NCFE L2 (1h30m)	Food (1h)		
		Music 1h15m (Listening in a classroom, not the Hall)	Languages Writing (1h F or 1h15m H) FOR THE 4 STUDENTS WHO HAD THE CLASH ON 19/6		
21/06/2024	Friday	Media (1h30m)	Languages - Reading & Listening (1h30 F or 2h H)		
		Drama (1h15m)			
		Design & Technology (1h30m) for LG, JM-D & JG only			

Weekend

Monday - 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, Geography and Business have been timetabled this week (largest options subjects). You will not go to tutor time Monday-Friday, so you just need to come to line up outside the Hall/JP at **9:15am** for session 1 exams. For session 2 exams, you need to line up at **12:30**. You must come to assembly at 9am on Friday 28th June for final work experience reminders.

24/06/2024	Monday	RE (1h30m, but 1h for set 5)	Biology 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)	Flexible timings Monday-Friday. This means that you 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.
25/06/2024	Tuesday	Maths Calculator (1h30m)	Chemistry 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)	
26/06/2024	Wednesday	English Literature Paper 2 (2h15m)	Geography (1h15m)	
27/06/2024	Thursday	Physics 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)	History (2h)	
28/06/2024	Friday	YEAR 10 ASSEMBLY (Work Experience), then Maths Non Calculator (1h30m)	Business (1h45m)	

Weekend

Please note - **Food Practical exams** will take place the week before the exam period. 'Y' group will be periods 1-4 on Thursday 13th June; 'Z' will be periods 1-4 on Friday 14th June. **Language** speaking exams will take place in the first two weeks after the half term holiday – MFL teachers will provide more detail nearer the time.

Revised timings for the school day for Y10 between 24th-28th 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 (24th-28th 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 Over. In cases where students do not return this pro forma by **Friday 17th 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 final exam each day. 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 Over by 17/5/24 if you are not willing for your child to arrive later/ leave site after their final exam of the day)

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 24-28th June.

Signed _____ Person with parental responsibility

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