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21 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Year 10,

Re: Year 10 Internal Examinations 16th - 26th June

The main exam period starts on Monday 16th June and will continue until Thursday 26th 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 23rd to Thursday 26th 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 23rd-26th 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 Thursday 26th 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 Cunningham 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 has received a detailed outline of revision topics for each subject to prepare for these exams - electronic copies are published on our website and have been 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 2026.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Bamford - Assistant Headteacher

Y10 Exams - June 2025

Date	Day	Session 1 9:00	Session 2 11:45 (unless otherwise stated)	Session 3 (2:20 unless otherwise stated)	Notes
16/06/2025	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.	Food (1h)	Normal lessons if not in an exam
17/06/2025	Tuesday	Sixth Form Taster South Downs taster	Sixth Form Taster South Downs taster	Flexible finish - students will go straight home from the South Downs/ Sixth Form Taster Day when finished.	
18/06/2025	Wednesday	Photography A6	Photography A6	Photography A6	Normal lessons if not in an exam
		Art 'Z' A8	Art 'Z' A8	Art 'Z' A8	
		Computing 1h30m for TL & NN only	PE (1h)/ NCFE L2 (1h30m)		
		Media 1h30m (4 students only who clash with Business - JB, BF, CM & AN)	Drama 1h15m		
19/06/2025	Thursday	Business (1h45m)	Languages - Paper 3 Reading (45/60m) & Paper 2 Listening (45/60m)		
		Media (1h30m 4 students clash - do Business)	Computing 1h30m - Clash for TL & NN, do Languages)		
20/06/2025	Friday	Music 1h15m (Listening in a classroom, not the Hall)	Languages Writing (1h15 F or 1h20m H) - Clash LA, MB, JB, RD, CM, PM, LR. Do Art/Textiles at this time		
		Design & Technology (1h30m) - Clash for AB, KK & JT (do Music) and BC (do Art)			
		Art 'Y' A8	Art 'Y' A8	Art 'Y' A8	
		Textiles A5	Textiles A5	Textiles A5	

Weekend

Monday - Thursday 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 have been timetabled this week (largest options subjects). You will not go to tutor time Monday-Thursday, 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.

23/06/2025	Monday	RE (1h30m, but 1h for set 5)	Physics 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)	Flexible timings Monday-Thursday. 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.
24/06/2025	Tuesday	Maths Calculator (1h30m)	Geography (1h15m) Design & Technology (1h30m) for KK & BC	
25/06/2025	Wednesday	English Literature Paper 2 (2h15m)	Chemistry 1h15m (1h45m for Triple Scientists)	
26/06/2025	Thursday	YEAR 10 ASSEMBLY (Work Experience @ 9am), then Maths Non Calculator (1h30m)	History (2h) Design & Technology (1h30m) for AB and JT	
27/06/2025	Friday	INSET DAY - SCHOOL	CLOSED FOR STUDENTS	INSET DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

Weekend

Food practicals (all day) - 10Z on Monday 9th June; 10Y on Tuesday 11th June.
 Language speaking exams will be sometime during the week of 9-13th June.
 Biology paper - these will be sat across two days IN CLASSROOMS. Thursday 12th: P4 (Cohort 1), P5 (Cohort 2) and Friday 13th P5 (Cohort 1), P1 (Cohort 2).
 PE Practical (Mr Wade's class) - this will take place P5 on Thursday 19th June. Cohort 1 have PE at this time anyway.

Revised timings for the school day for Y10 between 23rd-26th 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 (23rd-26th 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 Cunningham. In cases where students do not return this pro forma by **Friday 6th June**, 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 Cunningham by 6/6/25 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 23rd-26th June.

Signed _____ Person with parental responsibility

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