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Year 10 Internal Examinations: 16th-26th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

The main exam period runs from Tuesday 16th June to Friday 26th June. Students will be in lessons unless they have an exam, Careers event, or Sixth Form/South Downs taster session. From Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June, the normal Year 10 timetable is suspended. During these days, students will arrive slightly later and leave earlier. This is due to Challenge Week, when 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 at 9am on Friday 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 the site. However, if not, we can provide supervision until the end of the day if required. Please complete the required form on page 3 and return it to Mrs Cope if you do not wish your child to arrive or leave at times outside the normal school times.

The examination 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 available on our website and have been shared with students on Teams/Class Charts.

I am sure I need not stress the importance of these examinations. They will give students, parents/carers and teachers a clear picture of progress in each subject. They will also highlight areas for development as students progress through Year 11, ending with their final exams in May and June 2027.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Gorman – Assistant Head of School

Date	Day	Session 1 9:00	Session 2 11:45 (unless otherwise stated)	Session 3 (2:20 unless otherwise stated)	Notes
15/06/2026	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
16/06/2026	Tuesday	Art A8	Art A8	Art A8	
		Photography (Z) A6	Photography (Z) A6	Photography (Z) A6	
17/06/2026	Wednesday	Computing (1h30m)	Languages - Writing (1h15m F or 1h20 H)		
		Textiles A5	Textiles A5	Textiles A5	
18/06/2026	Thursday	PE Mr Wade (1h)	Design & Technology (1h30m)		
		PE Mr Neil (1h30m)	Media (1h30m)		
		Photography (Y) A6	Photography (Y) A6	Photography (Y) A6	
19/06/2026	Friday	Business (1h45m)	Languages - Reading (45m F or 60m H)	Languages - Listening (45m F or 60m H)	
		Music (1h30 Listening in Classroom, not in the Hall)			
		Drama (1h15m)			

Weekend

Tuesday through Friday is Challenge Week, so teachers are not available. This is why all of your core tests fall within this time: you will all be sitting 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. You will not attend tutor time from Tuesday to Friday, so you just need to line up outside the Hall/JP at 9:15 for session 1 exams. For session 2 exams, you need to line

22/06/2026	Monday	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	
23/06/2026	Tuesday	Maths Non-Calculator (1h30m)	History (2h)	Flexible timings from Tuesday to Friday. This means that 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.
24/06/2026	Wednesday	English Literature Paper 2 (2h15m)	Chemistry (1h15m and 1h45 for Triple Scientists)	
25/06/2026	Thursday	RE (1h30, 1h for Short Course)	Physics (1h15m and 1h45 for Triple Scientists)	
26/06/2026	Friday	Yr10 Assembly on Work Experience followed by Maths Calculator (1h30m)	Geography (1h15m)	

Weekend

Food practical (all day) - 10Y on Wednesday 10th June and 10X on Thursday 11th June.

Language speaking exams will be sometime during the week commencing 8th June, your teachers will tell you the times.

Biology Paper - this will be sat across two lessons in class, during the week commencing 1st June.

PE Practical (Mr Wade's class) - this will take place in your lessons.

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 Cope. In cases where students do not return this pro forma by **Friday 5th 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.

(return to Mrs Cope by 5/6/26 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:
