



**Re: End of Year Examinations**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to give you key information about our Year 10 End of Year examinations. These will take place in the week before May half term, **22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May**. Examinations will be sat in each subject, following a exam timetable.

In order to give students a break from formal assessments, Games lessons will run as normal, and there will also be supervised revision periods built into the week.

Your son's subject teacher will provide checklists or revision materials to help identify any gaps in their work, and to ensure students know what will be examined in these end of year papers. We would advise students to check through their notes, look over these materials and ensure that they know what will be tested and how. As we approach exam week, homework will start to move towards revision and practice questions, so that students can prepare fully for these examinations. We will also provide guidance on subject specific revision techniques via assemblies / tutor times.

Some students have asked how much revision they should be doing. This will depend on their subjects, and it is more important that they complete **quality** revision (such as self-quizzing, summarising and mind-mapping) than a huge **quantity** of ineffective revision (e.g. simply re-reading notes). However, as a general guide, at this point in the year, students in Year 10 should be completing approximately 1-1.5 hours of work per subject per week outside of lessons. This equates to approximately 90 minutes per day Monday to Thursday, plus 2-4 hours at the weekend. They should prioritise completing set homework, using any remaining time to revise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions,

Kind regards,

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