



May 4, 2018

## Re: Year 10 Examinations Summer 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the forthcoming exams for Year 10 during this Summer Term.

A timetable for these exams is attached with further notes for students and is also available on the school website.

### External Exams

There are no external exams for Year 10 students this year.

### Internal Exams

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, students will sit internal exams in most subjects (as indicated in the school calendar). There will be no exam leave and students will attend normal lessons at times when they do not have an exam. Students are expected to wear normal school uniform during this period.

It is important that students prepare properly for these exams and conduct themselves in a manner that allows both themselves and others to perform to the best of their ability. These internal exams are important for a number of reasons:

- They give teachers, parents and students an indication of the progress made so far in their GCSE courses and help identify targets for the remainder of the year. They also provide information which may result in changes to a student's curriculum in Year 11.
- They help teachers make decisions on which ability level or tier to enter students in subjects where this applies (Science, Maths, Modern Foreign Languages, etc.).
- They give students the opportunity to perform under examination conditions that are as similar to their GCSE and other external exams as possible.

The exams will be supervised by external invigilators and will be conducted under the same strict conditions that the Exam Boards require in the summer. Students have been informed of and will be expected to adhere to a code of behaviour that follows Exam Board regulations and is in keeping with the school's Behaviour for Learning policy. **Any breaches of this code during exams will result in sanctions, starting automatically at the C3 level.** It is worth noting that, in the real GCSE examinations, breaches of the Exam Board regulations can result in a student being disqualified from all their exam entries in that exam season.

We would also advise your son/daughter to bring water to their exams (in a clear, unlabelled bottle) as recent research has shown that students who are properly hydrated perform more successfully than those who are not.

Students will receive their results from their subject teachers after marking has been completed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me during normal school hours.

Yours sincerely

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