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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 Trial Examination Timetable

Further to our trial examination subject guidance letter please find attached the timetable for the Year 10 trial exams beginning on Monday 15th April. Year 10 students will have a combination of examinations and lessons during the examination phase and therefore will need to bring revision materials to lessons so that, where possible, they can revise when they are not in an examination. Students will also receive a personalised copy of the timetable showing their exams, seat numbers and locations; this will also be emailed to students and we encourage your child to familiarise themselves with their timetable. If your child has an exam clash this will be dealt with on their personalised timetable. Additionally, if your child has a specific access arrangement our Learning Support team will speak with them about their arrangements.

Please note that all morning exams will start at 9:00am, and with the exception of Mandarin writing all afternoon sessions will begin at 1.30. These are the start times for all national exams so the trial exams will mirror these timings. **If you usually collect your child from school, please note that during this exam phase all examination students will be dismissed from school directly after their afternoon examinations.** Please be assured that we will adjust the timings of break where necessary for mid-morning exams, to ensure students have an opportunity to go to the toilet and get refreshments before their exam.

During the exams we expect students to:

- Display exemplary levels of behaviour, attendance and punctuality.
- Arrive in full school uniform.
- Be organised – make sure they bring the correct equipment to school, including calculator, black pens, pencils, eraser, a protractor, a compass, and a ruler.
- Remember to follow the guidance from JCQ (attached) including handing in all phones and watches to invigilators at the start of the exam. **These items cannot be left in school bags.**
- As outlined in our earlier communication we urge families not to make any non-urgent appointments during the exam phase. We will **not** be able to reschedule missed examinations due to the proximity of this cycle to national exams and the availability of invigilators.

The trial examinations are a crucial part of the preparation for the final GCSE examinations and should be approached with a similar degree of seriousness and effort. Whilst they are in some ways a dress rehearsal for the real exams, they are undoubtedly a key part of the learning process required to ensure that students achieve their full potential in the summer. Students should approach these examinations with a determination to do their best and therefore prepare thoroughly.

Yours sincerely



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