



Tomlinscote School

1st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Exams – Monday 17th April until Wednesday 26th April 2023

Year 10 students have been studying for their GCSEs and BTECs since May 2022 (since January 2022 for Science) and we feel that it is an appropriate time to assess their progress through examinations. It will also help prepare students better for Year 11 because they will start to go through prolonged revision, prepare revision resources and they will get used to the more formal nature of an examination room.

These examinations will allow staff to make a projection about what your child will achieve at the end of their GCSE courses next year. These projected grades will be what your child will write on their college applications so students should try to do their best to prepare for them. Every Year 10 form group has received advice and guidance regarding 'how to revise' in an LRC tutorial session and students will also receive training from Mr Taylor and Mrs Tonkin over the next couple of weeks regarding revision schedules and techniques. If students wish to purchase flash cards to help them prepare, they are available to purchase on ParentPay.

The examinations will take place from Monday 17th April until Wednesday 26th April and most students will be in the main hall. Your child will be given the agreed exam access arrangements if they are entitled to them and some students with access arrangements will complete their exams in another location; these details will be e-mailed to them separately.

Attached is a general copy of the Year 10 Exam Timetable; students have also received this information via e-mail. Please help us by ensuring that your child arrives at school in good time with all the necessary equipment, which must include 2 black pens, ruler, rubber, calculator and maths equipment (where needed), all in a clear/see through bag. Please be reminded that internet-capable devices and smart watches are not permitted in the exam venues.

Finally, there is another attachment called 'Year 10 Revision Support Guide for Year 10 Exams 2023' which provides general details around what will be assessed in each of the examinations to help students focus their revision. You will notice that Art and some vocational courses are being examined just before the Easter break, and that language exams have consciously been excluded from the timetable; students will sit these papers towards the end of Year 10.

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The examination results, together with projected grades, will be published to you in a report which will be issued on Friday 12th May 2023. For the last 2 weeks of this term, most home learning will be revision-based; students should also spend extra time studying throughout the week and over the Easter Holidays to fully prepare for the assessments.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Major
Principal