

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

17th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The Year 10 mock exam series begins on Thursday 20th June. This mock series is integral to our monitoring and assessment calendar for Year 10, and it provides powerful data to inform planning for a successful and immediate start to Year 11.

In order to ensure this process is as smooth and impactful as possible, we have planned for a few key events to happen within school to support the students, which I shall outline below.

Firstly, all subjects will be delivering a "study skills" session for Year 10 on the final week of this half term. This session will be designed to best prepare your child with a clear idea about how to revise in their given subject. On Thursday 23rd May I will then be delivering a liturgical prayer and extended assembly to consolidate all of these ideas, alongside supporting students with making a revision timetable for the half term break and providing some resources to help with this.

Upon the return to school, Mrs Lancett will be running a special assembly for the Year 10 cohort about exam protocol detailing exactly how and where students are to line up, what our routines are for coats, bags, mobile phones and smart watches, and what happens within the exam hall. This assembly will be delivered on Thursday 13th June. Subsequently, during form time on Monday 17th June, Year 10 will practice lining up for the exams in the correct place. It is important to note that students are expected to line up in silence, and in full and correct school uniform. The current school uniform does not include the black school hoodie, students can wear the white polo but are expected to wear the black v-neck school jumper or grey cardigan over the top if the weather is cool.

I have attached the exam timetable onto the back of this letter.

Following the exam series, we will begin looking at organising the student leadership team for next year, including the application and interview process for Head Girl and Head Boy. I will write to you with more information about this following the half term break.

Year 10 are an exceptional cohort of students. I have every faith that they will approach this exam series with maturity, and it will lead to many fantastic outcomes next year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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Ms H Scampion Head of Learning for Years 9 and 10







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YEAR 10 EXAM TIMETABLE June 2024

Starts in Week A		
	Morning Exams	Afternoon Exams
	9:00am	1:10 pm
Thu 20 th June	Biology 1hr 45m	Geography 1h 30m
	Triology Science Biology 1h 15m	
Fri 21 st June	Mathematics paper 1	Religious Studies
	(non calculator) 1h 30m	(paper 1 and paper 3 combined)
		Origins and Meaning/Judaism 1h
Mon 24th June		Mathematics paper 2 (calculator) 1h 30m
Tue 25 th June	English Language paper1 1h 45m	English Literature paper 2 Part1 1hr
Wed 26 th June	History - The People's Health and the Elizabethans 1h 45m	Food Preparation & Nutrition 1h 45m
Thu 27 th June	Chemistry 1h 45m	English Literature paper 2 Part 2
	Trilogy Science Chemistry 1h 15m	1h 30m
Fri 28 th June	Physics 1h 45m	French Foundation Listening 35m
	Trilogy Science Physics 1h 15m	French Foundation Reading 45m
Tue 2 nd July	Design & Technology 2h	Catch

Computer Studies, Music and Drama will be taken in lesson time.



