

Ref. GDZ/LAS

16th June 2023

Dear parent/carer,

The current Year 11 students are coming towards the end of their summer exams and we want to take every opportunity to graduate our current Year 10 students into their key year, with an array of wrap-around support and intervention, and the best possible starting point for a successful year ahead.

From Monday 19th June through until Friday 23rd June Year 10 will be sitting their mock exams. The format of the exams will closely reflect their experience in summer 2024 - which is of course the intention as we are keen to give them as much preparation as we can. They will sit examinations in most of the subjects which they study, in the academy exam hall, following the examinations calendar at the end of this letter.

Students entitled to access arrangements will receive them as they would in the summer exams. We believe that purposeful practice aids students in understanding the process and techniques associated with exams and helps alleviate some of the natural pressures.

Students' performance in these examinations along with their teachers' professional judgement will support us in deciding their class sets for Year 11 and the appropriate targeted and personalised intervention that will accelerate their learning and performance.

All students will start their new academic year from Monday 3rd July - so Year 10 students will become Year 11 from this date and will start their new timetable as if it were September. This in essence provides students with an additional 3 weeks of Year 11 study and support, and they can really hit the ground running in September.

In supporting students we invest a significant amount of resources that they must take advantage of, this includes;

- High quality teaching and learning in the classroom
- Smaller than average teaching sets, typically 22 per group rather than 32
- One to one and small group tutoring sessions
- Afterschool 14:30 - 15:30 teaching sessions
- Online revision and intervention masterclasses accessed from home
- Careers and Post-16 guidance and applications

We navigate through Year 11 with a series of milestones, and students naturally see their outstanding outcomes become more secure through Praising Stars and their dedication to their studies.

We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that your child takes advantage of all the additional support that is available to them and that they commit to the personal qualities and attributes that are required for Year 11.

The Year 11 students that are soon to leave us will achieve incredible outcomes in the summer; a reflection of their hard work this last year, and throughout their years of education. We believe that your child and their year group have the ability and attributes to also do extremely well, and achieve record breaking outcomes in 2024.

Alongside this work we also recognise that Year 11 can feel pressured, especially as we move closer to the exams, and whilst we offer a range of inclusion and wellbeing support systems it is important that we continue to communicate with school and home with any worries or concerns, so that we can support as soon as possible. Please contact colleagues below if you or your child require support or information.

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Over the course of the year there will be a series of events where you will be welcomed into the academy to discuss your child's progress and workshops to support their preparation for their exams. You will also continue to receive their half-termly Praising Stars reports to track their progress and achievements. But also please feel free to contact that academy at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Just in summary, a brief list of the mechanisms and expectations to support your child as they begin Year 11.

- 100% attendance
- An excellent attitude to learning in the classroom
- Commitment to their Year 10 mock exams
- Attendance to after school teaching sessions
- Participation in intervention sessions such as bespoke one-to-one and small group
- Completion of homework tasks

### Year 10 Mock exams timetable June 2023

Y10 Mocks Exams									
Monday 19th June		Tuesday 20th June		Wednesday 21st June		Thursday 22nd June		Friday 23rd June	
	Exam Details		Exam Details		Exam Details		Exam Details		Exam Details
Period 1	Y10 Mock English Language	Period 1	Y10 Mock Maths	Period 1	Y10 Mock English Lit	Period 1	Y10 Mock Maths	Period 1	Y10 Mock Physics
Period 2		Period 2		Period 2		Period 2		Period 2	
Period 3		Period 3		Period 3		Period 3		Period 3	
Period 4	Y10 Mock Biology	Period 4	Y10 Mock History & Geography	Period 4	Y10 Mock Music	Period 4	Y10 Mock Chemistry	Period 4	Y10 Mock Spanish & Com Sci
Period 5		Period 5		Period 5		Period 5		Period 5	

We look forward to working together with you over the next year to ensure they reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G Dzoboku', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Mr G Dzoboku  
Principal