



15 December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Year 10 mock exams

Please find attached the Year 10 mock exam timetable which will start in January 2018.

Mock exams are important as indicators of a pupil's progress, knowledge and understanding. It also allows teachers to highlight areas of strength and support areas for improvement.

This will be the first time Year 10 have sat exams in a formal manner and they will be expected to follow the routines that they will face during the real exams next year. This is seen as good practice for the real event so the environment and expectations do not put pupils off trying their very best. The majority of exams will be in the sports hall; a few subjects, for example within the arts, will take place in classrooms but with the same expectations.

Pupils will need a clear pencil case. They are only allowed to write in black ink and will need their full stationary equipment (3x black pens, pencils, ruler and maths equipment) including a calculator. Phones and watches (of any description) should be removed and stored in their bag. These items are not allowed in the exam hall. If pupils wish to bring a water bottle into the exam, it must be a clear bottle with the labels removed.

Revision is a challenging activity for pupils. As a parent, you can support your child by providing an appropriate space and quiet time to work. Additionally, a small selection of food treats is a great motivator for completing revision! Pupils should be using the knowledge organisers, school books, revision cards and posters/mind maps to actively revise.

Activities such as copying from notes, re-reading the text, internet-based reading and highlighting text should be discouraged as they are not proactive revision strategies. The most significant revision strategy to support good learning is quizzing. Your child should have lots of knowledge organisers and revision cards. Some time spent quizzing them on the content is fantastic learning and provides emotional support along the way.

If you have any subject specific questions, please contact the relevant subject leader whose contact details can be found on our website or via reception. If you have any general questions please contact me on dwalters@ccw.kent.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Walters
Assistant Headteacher