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Dear Parent

I am writing to provide some information, as Year 10 Exams will begin on Monday 18 March 2024. This set of examinations will take place over a two week period. Following this exam period, reports will be issued for students. The Year 10 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 2 May.

Attached to this letter is the outline timetable for examinations.

It is essential that students attend all exams as scheduled. We will not be able to arrange catch-up exams in the event of absence. However, at the discretion of the Head of Department, students may be given the exam to complete at home as a practice activity.

Options Subjects

During the week commencing 18 March exams will focus on Options Subjects, which will take place in classrooms during normal lessons. The maximum exam length is 45 minutes so that those students who are entitled to extra time can receive this for these exams.

Art, iMedia and Health and Social Care will not be carrying out formal exams as the final assessment of their course is based on ongoing coursework.

Core Subjects

During the week commencing 25 March the remaining examinations for the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) will take place in the Sports Hall using formal examination procedures.

During this week any student entitled to access arrangements will be provided the necessary adjustments: students requiring extra time, readers and/or scribes will be accommodated separately to ensure they are not impacted by others.

Revision Resources

It is recommended that students make use of the revision materials they have available to them, such as revision guides, GCSE Pod, Seneca Learning, Sparx Mathematics and their exercise books. Revision guides are available to buy on the school shop on our website.

I encourage parents to take an active role in this revision and suggest that a revision timetable is planned with students to allocate appropriate amounts of time to each subject.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Chapman
Assistant Headteacher