



23rd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 GCSE and BTEC Mock Exams

As we approach the final term of Year 10, I am writing to inform you that our students will soon be sitting their first formal series of **GCSE Mock Examinations** on Monday 27th April until Friday 8th May. There will be other vocational assessments following these dates too.

These exams represent a significant milestone in your child's secondary education. For many, this will be the first time they experience the rigour, pace, and environment of a formal JCQ-standard exam hall. As a school, we view these mocks as a professional diagnostic tool to ensure every student is on the right path toward their final GCSE and BTEC qualifications in 2027.

It is vital that students approach these exams with a "high-ceiling" mindset. These results will:

- **Inform predicted grades:** These are often the first grades used for initial applications to sixth forms and colleges.
- **Identify knowledge gaps:** They allow teachers to see exactly which "Building Blocks" are secure and which require targeted intervention over the summer.
- **Build exam understanding:** Practising the logistics—silence, timing, and equipment—reduces anxiety for the real exams next year.

We expect all students to engage in a structured revision programme starting as well as the revision lessons that are happening at school. At this stage, students should move beyond passive reading and embrace active recall—using flashcards, "blurting" (mind-mapping from memory), and past paper questions. These techniques have been covered in tutor time.

Please support your child by ensuring they have a quiet space to work and that their mobile phones are kept in a separate room during revision.

To ensure a smooth transition into the exam hall, all students must arrive with a clear pencil case containing the following equipment

- **At least two black ballpoint pens** (black ink is a legal requirement for GCSE papers).
- **HB Pencils and an eraser.**
- **A scientific calculator** (with the lid removed before entering the hall).
- **A maths set** (protractor, compass, and ruler).
- **A clear water bottle** (with all labels removed).

We understand that this first set of "serious" mocks can feel daunting. We ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of attendance and punctuality. A missed mock is a missed opportunity for vital feedback.



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Your child has today received a "Raising Achievement booklet" containing their personal timetable and revision tips. Please take a moment to look through this with them. The timetable is printed below.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring your child reaches their full potential. If you have any specific concerns regarding the upcoming exam series, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or Head of House.

Yours faithfully,

K Biddle

Mrs K Biddle

Vice Principal

Year 10 Summer Mock Timetable Monday 27th April - Friday 8th May

	Day	Date	Tutor	Lesson 1 0900 - 1000	Lesson 2 1000 - 1055	AM Break 1055 - 1110	Lesson 3 1110 - 1205	Lesson 4 1205 - 1300	PM Break 1300 - 1337	Tutor	Lesson 5 1400 - 1500		
Week A	Monday	27/4/26	Line up	English Language 1h 45		AM Break	French - Listening & Reading 1h 45		PM Break				
	Tuesday	28/4/26	Line up	Maths 1h 30			Religious Studies 1h 45						
	Wednesday	29/4/26	Line up	Geography 1h 30			Science 1h 15						
	Thursday	30/4/26	Line up	English Literature 2h 15			Religious Studies 1h				Engineering mock with SDA in classroom		
	Friday	1/5/26	Line up	English Language 1h 45			Maths 1h 30						
Week B	Monday	4/5/26	Bank Holiday				AM Break	Bank Holiday		PM Break		Bank Holiday	
	Tuesday	5/5/26						Science 1h 15				Line up	French - Writing 1h
	Wednesday	6/5/26	Line up	English Literature 1h 45				Hospitality					
	Thursday	7/5/26	Line up	French - Speaking									
	Friday	8/5/26	Line up	French - Speaking				French - Speaking					
Week A	Monday	11/5/26			AM Break						PM Break		
	Tuesday	12/5/26		Art		Art Hospitality Cook		Line up	Art Hospitality Cook				
	Wednesday	13/5/26						Hospitality - Write up					
	Thursday	14/5/26	Line up	French Speaking		French Speaking		Line up	French Speaking				
	Friday	15/5/26	Line up	PE									



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