



Tring School

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Year 10 Exams - Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June

You should be aware that your child will be sitting their Year 10 Exams between 21 June and 25 June. During this period, there will be no classes running and if your child does not have a scheduled exam, they can study at home. If your child requires to stay in school during this time, please complete this [Google form](#) and we will allocate a supervised study space. If an exam finishes early in the afternoon, students are permitted to go home early. As the exams have been scheduled into one week, the start and finish times of the exams may not coincide with the timetabled canteen openings - please can you ensure that your child has refreshments supplied, if this is the case, or arrange that students access the canteen at break time.

Students who are taking Art, please note that there will be a two day exam on Thursday 17 & Friday 18 June.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals, I will ensure that they are catered for on days where access to the canteen may not be possible. It is imperative that you and your child study the exam timetable carefully. Please note that Year 10 students **will be** in school on Friday 25 June, which is an Inset day; the buses will still be running. On that day, there will be a shortened break between the exams and there will be no access to the canteen for any student.

If your child has specific exam access arrangements, such as rest breaks, alternative room, a reader or a scribe, they will be located in D1, these students will receive an email letting them know if they are. All other students will be in the hall. Students with the exam access arrangement of ICT will require their chromebook fully charged if they wish to use ICT for their exams. I will be speaking to all Year 10 students regarding this and the expectations during these examinations.

In order to support your child, the Assessment Information Booklet [link](#) includes subject guidance and advice on how best to prepare for each specific subject. General revision guidance, strategies, resources and advice can be found on the [Key Stage 4 Study Support website](#).

As you will be aware, we are currently undertaking the awarding of GCSE grades for our Year 11 cohort. We are unsure of the arrangements that will be put in place for your child

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next academic year. **It is, therefore, imperative that students treat these exams with a great deal of respect, as they are a key opportunity for them to demonstrate their potential and may well be used in the future to provide evidence for their final GCSE grade.**

I would like to take this opportunity to outline our expectations to you and I would be most grateful if you could find time to remind your child of these:

- Students are expected to arrive **fifteen minutes** before all examination start times. [Link to exam timetable](#)
- Lining up takes place outside the Desborough Hall.
- Once inside the building/examination room there must be no talking. In their real GCSE examinations talking or any form of communication will lead to disqualification.
- **No mobile phones, smart watches** or electronic devices are permitted in the examination rooms and must be left in students bags, lockers or at home.
- **Wrist watches** must be either left in the student's bag or placed on the exam desk, failure to do so in a real examination may lead to disqualification.
- Students are responsible for providing their own equipment for all examinations and no equipment will be loaned to students once in the examination room. All written work must be in **BLACK pen** only.
- Clear water bottles are permitted in the examination room, all labels must be removed through.
- No written material / notes or any other material is permitted to be taken into the examination room.
- Students must be in full school uniform - if students turn up to school without the correct uniform, they will be asked to either go home and change or a parent will need to bring in the correct uniform.
- Students are not allowed to leave the examination hall for a toilet break during the last ten minutes of the examination, unless it's a medical emergency.

The above examination rules mirror the real JCQ examination rules [[link](#)] which are set for all external examinations. It is important that students are aware of these in preparation for their real GCSE exams. If you have any questions regarding the subject content of your child's examinations, please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teacher directly.

Yours faithfully

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