

**Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Dear Parents

The Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations will be taking place from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. These are very important exams as they provide a clear benchmark on how well your child is progressing towards the mid-way point in their GCSE studies. You will receive details on your child's performance as part of their Term 6 reports.

If you click on the link below it will take you to the 'Year 10 Introduction to GCSEs' page on the school's website:

<https://gillotts.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/years10-11/year-10-introduction-to-gcse>

If you scroll down to the bottom of this web page you will find a copy of the 'GCSE Course Guide' booklet which you can download by clicking on it. This contains links to the key documents on the Exam Board websites for each subject – including copies of the specifications which provide details of all the GCSE topics. Your child's teacher will inform them which of these topics will be included in the Year 10 exams.

There will not be any 'study leave' during the exam period and students should attend their lessons as normal unless they are in an exam. As you will note from the exam timetable (a copy of which is also attached with this e-mail), almost all the exams are in the School Hall. In the case of students with special considerations they will be informed of any alternative venues for their exams. It is important that students arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of the exam (8.35am for an 8.45am start, 1.20pm for a 1.30pm start). Please can I emphasise the importance of attending these exams if at all possible. If your child is unwell it will be possible to rearrange their exams but this will mean that they will be taken out of their lessons when they return to school and will miss some teaching.

If your child has additional time for exams (25% or 50%) it is important to check the afternoon exam timetable because there may be some days when the exam will go beyond the end of the school day. In such a situation your child will not be able to catch a school bus and alternative travel arrangements will need to be made. If you need your child to wait at school for a lift they will be able to stay in school but if this is the case, please can you contact our Exams Officer, Mrs Farman by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, stating on which day(s) you will need this provision, and until what time: [vfarman@gillotts.org.uk](mailto:vfarman@gillotts.org.uk)

In terms of equipment, students should ensure that they bring the following equipment to every exam:

Two black biro's or pens

Two pencils

A ruler (preferably 30 cm), rubber, pencil sharpener, protractor and compass

A calculator

A set of colouring pencils

All equipment must be kept in a clear pencil case or plastic bag. Any drinks bottles should be completely clear. All mobile devices and watches will need to be handed in at the start of the exam.

We are aware that it can be a stressful period for some students, and I would like to encourage you to contact your child's tutor or subject teachers if you have any concerns. It is also important that students build relaxation time into their revision programme and get plenty of sleep.

We wish your child every success in these exams.

Yours faithfully,



**Dr EJ Newbold**  
Deputy Head