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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here at Winterton Community Academy we pride ourselves on our academic success for all students. In order to support this, I am writing to inform you that the Year 10 Mock examinations commence on Monday 17th June 2024. These examinations are important for all students in the year and therefore I am asking for your support to ensure your child is present in school and that their attendance moving forward is excellent.

These exams will allow students to practice for a full exam in examination conditions. It is vital we help students prepare for these exams as for many it will be the first main examination they have had since the end of Infant school due to the Covid pandemic.

The exams taken are a vital element of the courses being studied at Key Stage 4 and help prepare every student for further exams taken in Year 11 before the final exams in the summer of 2025. They provide the staff with a clear understanding of the current ability and understanding within each subject area, so that additional support can be provided where necessary. It also provides an opportunity to offer more accurate predictions prior to Year 11.

For each individual student, they provide an understanding of where the strengths and areas for development are, so that greater focus can be given where it is needed. It also enables students to have a clearer understanding of their predictions prior to beginning their applications for college in Year 11.

It is important to note that for the vast majority of students the exams will be completed in the school hall, with each student assigned to a particular desk. Those who are entitled to additional Access Arrangements will be working elsewhere with a member of staff.

The exams are conducted in the same manner that would occur when taking external exams, and so the following must be considered:

- Mobile phones, smart watches or other storage devices are not permitted
- Water bottles must be clear and not have any writing on them, and contain only water
- Pencil cases must be clear and placed on the floor
- The appropriate stationery is required – black pens, ruler, pencil, protractor
- Scientific calculators will be needed, especially in Mathematics and Science exams and ask that each pupil brings their own.

In the lead up to the mock exams I would be grateful if you can encourage your child to prepare and revise for their exams, I would also ask you to encourage healthy diets, plenty of sleep and exercise as research shows all of these aspects can help to increase performance in exams and help to reduce stress levels for students.

Your child has received a copy of the timetable to support their revision and own preparation. It is essential that if there is any concern or query, Mrs Walker (Examinations Officer) is informed immediately.

All students have received a copy of a Study Buddy Booklet which contains key information to help them including a range of methods of revision, revision top tips and blank timetables to enable them to create their own revision timetables. Students have used these booklets within Personal Development and PSHE lessons.

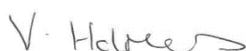
In order to revise efficiently, simply reading their work or going online will not necessarily enable them to remember what they need. Encourage them to use a method of revision which they have looked at within the lesson, for example, to write out the key points and then to explain it to you. Revision cards, with a question on one side and the answer on the other will help, as they have written it out and you have the answers to support them.

Please find attached a copy of the Year 10 mock examinations timetable so you are aware when your child has an exam. If an exam is missed due to illness, students will catch up on the exam on their return.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Holmes" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs V Holmes
Head of Year 10