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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 Practice Examinations

As you will be aware, thanks to our school calendar, we will be running internal examinations for Year 10 students from the week beginning 20th April for two weeks.

We know how essential it is for students to experience the exam environment so they are accustomed to the rules and practices of exam conditions. The majority of these exams will be held in the Sports Hall, although some exams may be completed in alternative seating, or classrooms. I want to ensure that you have clear information and support for your child to prepare for them.

The reality is that these exams, as well as providing excellent preparation for public examinations, also give students and their teachers some really valuable information about current levels of performance, strengths and those areas that still need to develop in order for students to fulfil their potential next summer. Following a period of time to mark the papers, teachers will give detailed feedback to students. There is plenty of time to act on the advice given post exams.

In order to make the experience as realistic as possible, all examinations will be carried out in accordance with the same Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) regulations as the actual GCSEs. We will hold an assembly to ensure that students understand what constitutes appropriate behaviour during examinations. No disruption will be permitted. Any poor behaviour will face the most serious of sanctions.

Mrs Law (Associate Senior Leader - SENCO) will be sending an additional letter regarding Access Arrangements, and the role these examinations will play in providing vital evidence for these.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor at school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Townsend
Assistant Headteacher

