



Woodrush High School

An Academy for Students Aged 11-18

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Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Year 10 Mock Examinations

As we approach the end of the year, it is important for us to assess your child's learning in our End of Year 10 Mock Exams. The key purposes of these mock exams are outlined below:

- To identify what your child knows, the skills they have developed, but also most importantly to determine what your child needs to work on and develop in their learning.
- To report back to you on your child's learning and progress this year and to make predictions about their attainment next year in their GCSE examinations.
- To celebrate your child's learning and progress.
- To challenge your child. Learning is a complex process and we must challenge your child so that they push themselves to succeed. We want to build determination and resilience in our students and mock examinations can help with this. This will help prepare them for the rigour of mock and GCSE/A-Level examinations in the future.
- To build a culture of effective revision by all students in all years, so that your child is prepared with revision skills for GCSE and A-level examinations in the future. Each subject will provide revision materials that your child will be able to access to support their revision.
- To give your child practise completing exams under formal Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) exam regulations that every child and school must adhere to for GCSE / A-Level examinations.
- To identify those children who need access arrangements. Mock examinations provide evidence for those who may potentially need access arrangements in GCSE / A-level examinations.

The timetable on the next page shows the dates and times at which Year 10 Mock examinations will occur for students. You will notice that we have limited the number of assessments to a maximum of 2 per day with a morning and an afternoon exam session. This replicates the nature of Year 11 GCSE examinations. Afternoon exams will start as close to 1.30pm as possible, and some exams are longer than 1hr 30 so on these occasions your child will leave school slightly later than 3.00pm.

Students who miss an exam(s) due to the Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition will have their exams rescheduled and we will communicate this closer to the time to students and parents/carers.

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Mock Exam Timetable

Week	Day	Date	Morning Session Form: 8.25 - 8.40 Line up: 8.40 Enter Exam Hall: 8.45 Start 9.00		Afternoon Session Lunch: 12.45 - 1.15 Line up: 1.15 Enter: 1.20 Start: 1.30
B	Tuesday	24th June	Biology Combined Science: (1hr 10) Separate Science: (1hr 45)	20 minute break after exam and then return to period 2. Students with PM exam will leave period 2 at 12.45 for early lunch.	History - Peoples Health and Elizabethans: (1hr 45)
	Wednesday	25th June	English Language Paper 1: (1hr 45)		Block T Options Music: (1hr 15) Drama: (1hr 30) Citizenship: (1hr 45)
	Thursday	26th June	Maths Paper 1: (1hr 30)		Geography Living world, Urban Issues and UK Landscapes: (1hr 35)
	Friday	27th June	Chemistry Combined Science: (1hr 10) Separate Science: (1hr 45)		Block R Options Product Design: (2hr 00) Computing: (1hr 30)
A	Monday	30th June	English Literature Paper 1: (1hr 30)	20 minute break after exam and then return to period 2. Students with PM exam leave period 2 at 12.45 for early lunch	Block P Options Sociology: (1hr 45) Health and Social Care: (1hr 15)
	Tuesday	1st July	Maths Paper 2: (1hr 30)		Cross Block Option Film: (1hr 00)
	Wednesday	2nd July	Spanish / Mandarin Reading + Writing Foundation: (1hr 10) Higher: (1hr 15)		Cross Block Option Business: (1hr 45)
	Thursday	3rd July	Physics Combined Science: (1hr 10) Separate Science: (1hr 45)		Cross Block Option PE: (1hr 15) Health and Fitness: (1hr 30)
	Friday	4th July	Maths Paper 3: (1hr 30)		Cross Block Option Hospitality and Catering: (1hr 20)



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On the morning of exams students will:

- Go straight to form at 8.25am (including on Wednesday's)
- Register in form and receive daily notices about the exams
- Review the most important JCQ exam regulations
- Be escorted to the basketball court outside the HUB to line up for their examination at 8.40 am
- Enter the exam hall at 8.45 am
- Start their morning exam at 9.00 am

When the morning exam is complete students will get a 20 minute break in the hall and then return to their normal timetabled lesson.

During period 3, students who have an afternoon exam will:

- Go to lunch at 12.45 pm until 1.15 pm
- Line up on the basketball court outside the HUB to line up for their examination at 1.15 pm
- Enter the exam hall at 1.20 pm
- Start their afternoon exam at 1.30pm

Equipment:

Your child will need to bring the following equipment for each examination in a transparent pencil case.

- Two black ball point pens
- Two pencils
- 30cm ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Scientific calculator (where needed)
- Pair of compasses and protractor (where needed)

The invigilators will have spare equipment, but this is limited and we expect all students to be prepared for these important mock examinations.

JCQ Exam Regulations and Woodrush Examinations Handbook

It is important that you and your child are aware of the JCQ exam regulations that we must adhere to. The JCQ provide information for candidates which can be found on the link below:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/>



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This link contains important information about written examinations, coursework/nea, onscreen tests, social media and about preparing for exams. It is you and your child's responsibility to review this information and to ensure that your child adheres to these regulations. To support this we have attached our Woodrush Examinations Handbook, and I will do an assembly explaining the key rules and how to prepare for these mock exams. The exam rules will be reviewed prior to every exam during form / exam line up and by the lead invigilator at the start of every exam. There is zero tolerance for breaches of these regulations and all breaches in GCSE / A-Level exams have to be reported. For this reason we will adopt the same approach in mock exams to help your child understand the importance of these regulations. If your child breaches the rules in these mock exams, we will remove them from the exam hall and contact parents/carers to discuss a 2hr same day resolution detention.

Following this mock exam window but before the end of the year, your child will receive their Progress Phase 2 Report which will outline your child's:

- Target grades for each subject
- Working at grade for each subject (based upon mock examinations and any other assessment data collected this year)
- Progress comment for each subject

Your child's teacher will use these assessments to drive learning forwards by identifying gaps in knowledge and will then work at closing them through in class interventions and homework.

How to support your child:

- Talk to your child about the importance of these mock examinations.
- Make sure your child is aware of the dates / times of their mock examinations.
- Help your child to revise at home. The most effective revision strategies are active rather than passive, for example drawing mind maps, making and using flashcards, and self-quizzing.
- Keep your child calm and positive. These mock examinations are challenging, but we want the experience to be positive and we want to focus upon learning strengths and areas for development.
- Ensure that your child is equipped with 2 black ball point pens, a pencil, a ruler, a rubber and a scientific calculator so that they are prepared to succeed.

We look forward to seeing your child achieve in these mock examinations and we wish your child all the best in them. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Roche
Assistant Headteacher.