



Tuesday 19th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Forthcoming Year 10 Mock Examinations

I am writing to you in advance of our forthcoming mock examinations for our Year 10 students. These examinations will take place from Tuesday 16th June to Monday 29th June. This will be a very important opportunity for our Year 10 students to sit exams in a formal environment and is a good rehearsal for their GCSE exams next summer.

The mock exams will enable students to start to work out which revision techniques work best for them, and to better understand how to work effectively in timed exam conditions. They will also provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support to be able to achieve their full potential in Year 11. The mock exam timetable will be sent out before half term.

Revision

In the weeks leading up to the mock exams, tutors will be focusing on revision techniques. The following approaches will be covered and students will also have access to blank cards so that they can create their own flashcards.

- [Cornell Notes](#)
- [Flashcards](#)
- [Knowledge Organisers](#)
- [Mind Maps](#)
- [Post-it notes](#)

During the mock exam period, students will be in lessons when they are not in an exam and they will need to come prepared with their Chromebooks and any equipment they may need.

Preparation

As well as revision it is important that students:

- Have enough sleep the night before their exams
- Arrive for the examination at least 10 minutes before the start of the exam
- Are hydrated and have a good breakfast before coming to school. This will help with their concentration.



Attendance

Throughout the academic year we promote the importance of attendance to all of our students. During the mock examination period it is critical that Year 10 students attend school on time each day. In the event that your child is unable to attend school on an exam day, please make school aware of the absence through the school Absence Line (01865 855378) or email: attendance@gosfordhillschool.org

Expectations

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal examination regulations laid down by JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) who oversee all public examinations, and how GCSE exams will run at Gosford Hill School. They will follow the expectations of the national exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area.

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ. Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade.

Thank you for your support. It is important that students experience the full formal exam conditions during these mock examinations in Year 10, in order to develop their confidence and resilience so that they are fully prepared for their exams in Year 11. There will be another letter after half term, outlining the logistics of the examination period in more detail. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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