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**Year 10 Mock Exams: Revision Support**

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to inform you of the revision plans and opportunities that we are putting in place in advance of the forthcoming Year 10 mock examinations and BTEC sport external examination, which will take place over a 2-week period, commencing on the **6th May.**

The English, Maths and Science mock exams will be conducted under formal exam conditions in the Sports Hall or Main Hall during the first week. All other subjects’ assessments will take place in the second week in classrooms. It is vital that students learn how to perform in controlled conditions in preparation for their GCSE exams in Year 11 and these exams will also give class teachers a clear understanding of your child’s current level of knowledge. This will be incredibly important moving forward, as it will allow staff to support your child in closing any gaps they have.

We will support your child with revision for their assessments in a variety of ways. The blended learning platform contains a wealth of information for each subject, including PowerPoints on topics taught in class, past papers, revision resources and model answers. It also has an “Upgrade and Revisit” section to help close any gaps in learning identified from your child’s ‘ I can’ statements. This is a vital tool to support your child’s revision and can be accessed via logging on through the school website.

Past papers for all subjects are available for students to collect from the Key Stage 4 hub. These are a great way to test application of knowledge and practice the kinds of questions they face in their assessments. Flashcards and other revision aids such as revision clocks and blank revision timetables can also be collected from the Key Stage 4 hub. Your child’s Progress Leader Mrs. Milner is on hand to offer advice on how best to plan and carry out their revision. Students can also use online revision resources, such as Hegarty Maths, BBC Bitesize and Seneca.

If your child studies BTEC Sport they will sit an external exam in school on the **9th May** that counts towards their qualification. In order to support students with their revision for the exam Saturday School will be running from 10am-1pm on the 19th March and then each Saturday following this. There will also be a revision session for 2 hours in the Easter holidays on Wednesday, 20th April from 12-2pm with specialist PE staff.

All Year 10 students will receive a ‘How to Revise’ assembly. It will cover revision techniques that students should use when revising. A summary ‘How to Revise’ guide is attached for your reference, that you can discuss with your child to support them with their revision at home. Subject staff will also be guiding students on how to revise specifically for their subject, as well as the topics they need to revise.

Revision guides and question/answer cards for all subjects are available on Parent Pay and can be ordered at any time. They are also kept in our library for students to borrow. There is also a specific guide on revision techniques and exam preparation available on ParentPay for £4, which contains some very useful information for students and parents.

Below is a list of the GCSE and BTEC subjects being taken and the corresponding exam boards used by Kingsmead. I have included this information in order for you to access more past papers, mark schemes and revision materials online, should you wish to do so:

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| **Subject**  | **Board**  | **Subject**  | **Board**  |
| English   | AQA  | Art   | OCR  |
| English Literature   | AQA  | Business Enterprise (Level 1/2 BTEC)  | Pearson  |
| Mathematics   | Pearson/Edexcel  | Creative Media (Level 1/2 BTEC)  | Pearson  |
| Computing   | OCR  | Design Technology  | AQA  |
| French   | Pearson/Edexcel  | GCSE PE   | OCR  |
| Geography   | AQA  | Health and Social Care (Level 1/2 BTEC)  | Pearson  |
| History   | OCR  | Hospitality & Catering (Level 1/2 Vocational Award)  | WJEC  |
| Science (Trilogy & Single)  | AQA  |
|   |   | Music   | OCR  |
|   |   | Performing Arts (Level 1/2 BTEC)  | Pearson  |
|   |   | Religious Studies  | AQA  |
|   |   | Sport Studies (Level 1/2 BTEC)  | Pearson  |

The preparation we are doing in school is the start of the revision process. To achieve the best results that students are capable of they must complete their own independent revision at home. This should start now and continue over the Easter holidays up until the exams start in early May.

I am sure you appreciate the importance of these exams in terms of your child’s progress and preparation for their GCSEs at the end of Year 11. Your support in helping them to revise and prepare would be hugely beneficial.

There is further information available on the school website, however if you have any queries, please contact Mrs. Milner or myself.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. K. Greenwood

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