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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 10 SUMMER MOCKS: MONDAY 20 JUNE – FRIDAY 1 JULY

Examination Support

As we approach our May half-term break, our focus is turning to our Year 10 summer mock GCSE examinations. We are holding these between **Monday 20 June** and **Friday 1 July**.

Working towards these Year 10 summer mocks, our advice remains the same for our Year 10 students as it has for our Year 11 students who are in the middle of their GCSE examinations.

It is important that your child finds the balance between completing productive study, examination preparation and revision for these mocks, alongside taking clearly defined breaks and time away completely for family time, fun, rest and relaxation. This is vital for your child's health and wellbeing. Our absolute priority is to support our Year 10 students both academically and with their health and well-being in the lead up to, during and after the Year 10 mocks.

With this in mind, we are holding a 'How to Support Your Child in the Year 10 Summer Mocks' live TEAMS meeting on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 5:00pm. It is anticipated that this session will last 30 – 45 minutes. You can access this live event via the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3lseQQ5>

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The following information provides initial details about the support for our Year 10 students and parents/carers at Jesmond Park Academy as we approach the mocks.

General Information Regarding the Year 10 Mocks

We are holding an assembly for our Year 10 students to launch the countdown to our Year 10 mocks, which focuses upon the support in place for them. Our Year 10 teachers will also be talking to our Year 10 students about the expectations and topics in individual subjects and we will be giving our students finalised subject specific revision lists and an overview mock examination timetable just after the half term break. This will support our students with revision planning.

GCSE & BTEC Revision Guides

All of our Year 10 students were given a full set of revision guides for most of the subjects that they study. These are theirs to keep and should be used to support their ongoing review of work and revision throughout the remainder of Year 10 and Year 11.

GCSEPod

All of our students now have personal login access to GCSEPod, which is an interactive online revision and resource tool.

Summer Mock Examination Support in Personal Development Lessons

Our Year 10 Personal Development teachers are delivering lessons on 'how to revise' and 'how to effectively prepare yourself for examinations'. This also includes further support on how to use revision guides effectively.

Compulsory Period 7 Guided Revision Programme for Year 10 Students

There will be a compulsory Period 7 guided revision programme in place for our Year 10 students. We are planning this alongside our support in place for our Year 11 students who are still ongoing with their GCSE examinations. The guided revision will consist of silent revision using revision guides and other key revision materials. We will talk through the use of flash cards, mind maps etc.

It is anticipated that our compulsory guided study sessions will take place at the following dates and times after the half term break. Please note that on these days school will not finish for our Year 10 students until 3:35pm.

Monday 6 June 2022

Tuesday 7 June 2022

Thursday 9 June 2022

Monday 13 June 2022

Wednesday 15 June 2022

Thursday 16 June 2022

Year 10 Summer Mocks Results Afternoon

This will take place towards the end of the last week of term and will hopefully provide our students with a 'real' experience of GCSE results day after all of their hard work in the lead up to the mocks.

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Year 10 Full School Report

This will include your child's form tutor report, mock results, subject grades and subject next-step targets for Year 11. We will publish this to parents/carers before the end of term.

Unfortunately, due to timing, there may not be much further interaction between school and home once we have sent out our report, but please be rest assured that we will be using the outcomes from the mocks (and other student assessments) to plan support for our Year 10 students going into Year 11.

Last Week of Term

We intend to hold some 'in school' work-related learning activities for our Year 10 students during the last week of term. We will write to you with further details of this after the half-term break.

As we have already said, our absolute priority is to support our Year 10 students both academically and with their health and well-being throughout the remainder of this year and throughout Year 11.

If you have any further questions or information regarding our Year 10 mocks, or you have further information, which will help us support your child, please contact Miss Niamh Clark (Head of Year 10) at nclark@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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