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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 10 SUMMER MOCK EXAMINATION SUPPORT
Year 10 Summer Mocks: Monday 28 June – Friday 9 July

We are now just about back into our 'normal' school routines with our Year 10 students, and as we approach our May half term break, our focus is turning to their Year 10 summer mock GCSE examinations. We are holding these between **Monday 28 June** and **Friday 9 July**. If your child studies French, Spanish or Mandarin they will be having speaking tests the week beginning **Monday 21 June**. We have put our mocks back by two weeks in order to give our students a little bit of extra preparation time.

As we work towards our Year 10 summer mocks, our advice remains the same for our Year 10 students as it has for our Year 11 students who have been in the middle of completing internal assessments to support assigning GCSE grades.

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 (alongside hopefully more relaxed COVID rules!). 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.

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

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General information regarding the Year 10 mocks

We have already held an assembly for our Year 10 students launching the countdown to our Year 10 mocks, which focused upon the support in place for them. We will be giving our students subject specific revision lists and an overview mock examination timetable prior to the half term break. This will support our students with revision planning. Our Year 10 teachers will also be talking to them about the expectations in individual subjects.

GCSE & BTEC revision guides

We are in the process of giving all of our Year 10 students 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 revision programme for Year 10 students

There will be a 4-week compulsory Period 7 revision programme in place for our Year 10 students. It will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday up to the start of the Year 10 mocks (we are looking at whether these will continue during the mock period and we will update you on this). It starts with two sessions prior to the May half term break on Wednesday 26 May and Thursday 27 May. These will be independent guided study revision sessions. We will talk through with our Year 10 students how this will work. Our Period 7 programme continues after May half term with a combination of subject specific revision sessions alongside guided study sessions. We will produce an individual Period 7 timetable for all of our students. On Period 7 days, school will not finish for our Year 10 students until 3:30pm.

Year 10 'How to support your child to prepare for summer mocks' parent/carer presentation

In 'pre-COVID' times we would have invited you into school for a parent/carer presentation where we would have shared information on how best to support your child in the lead up to the mocks. Unfortunately, we are unable to do that this year. Instead, we will publish an online presentation for you to access via our school website. This will be uploaded at some point during the week beginning Monday 17 May and we will email you a link to this.

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 and subject next-step targets for Year 11. We will publish this to parents/carers during the last week 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. We are also looking at further ways in which we can communicate your child's progress over the remainder of the summer term.

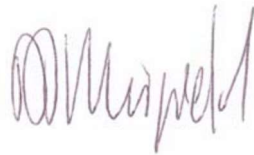
The majority of our Year 10 students have settled back into good working routines. As we have already said, our absolute priority is to support our Year 10 students both academically and with their health and well-being throughout the remainder of this year and throughout Year 11.

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 Mr Chris Mason (Head of Year 10) at cmason@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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