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Re: End of Year examinations

Dear Parent/Carer

In the final term of Year 10, a range of subjects will be conducting End of Year examinations to assess the progress your child has made this academic year. The examination outcomes will be used to inform the teaching and learning in Year 11.

Students will have been directed to revision resources by their teachers. These, as well as Show My Homework, should be used by students to best prepare for these important assessments.

English- AQA Language Paper 1

- 1 hour 45 mins-all 5 Questions across reading and writing sections covered

Science- two different GCSE courses –

- Separate Science & Combined Trilogy Science. Those students studying Separate Science will be sitting 3 science exam papers, - Biology, Chemistry & Physics.
- Each paper is 1hr 45mins. Students on the Trilogy course will be sitting 2 exam papers in Biology & Chemistry only. Each paper is 1hr 15mins.

Maths- full GCSEs, 3 papers -

- 1 non-calculator paper
- 2 calculator papers

Scientific calculators are required for Maths exams.

MFL - Full Mock papers-

- FRENCH and SPANISH 3 papers
- Foundation: Listening –35 mins. Reading- 45 mins. Writing –1 hr
- Higher: Listening –45 mins. Reading- 1hr. Writing –1h15
- Speaking exams

Students will have opportunity to sit some foundation and higher questions within the papers.

History-2 Papers

- 1 hour 15 minutes - Medicine Paper
- 1 hour - Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88

Geography-Paper 1

- 1 hour 15 mins. All units on paper1

H&SC-Coursework based, no exam information confirmed as yet.

Psychology- Paper 1

- 1 hour 30 mins- generated internally by department

Drama- AQA GCSE Drama Paper

- 1 hour 45 mins

Please refer to the attached document for details of subject's exam boards; all students will be issued with their timetable for forthcoming exams in week 3 of this term. You may wish to support your child in the upcoming assessments in the following ways:

- **GCSE Pod**- students will be familiar with this, and they should be encouraged to compliment their studies with these short podcasts www.gcsepod.com
- **Revision guides**- these can be purchased from Student Finance /Amazon at a reasonable cost.
- **Online revision resources**- YouTube is a great way to source high quality videos, 'Mr Bruff' is a series of helpful tutorials for English, www.bitesize.com

Subject teachers will be offering after school intervention classes to support students in their exam preparations. Please find the details below and encourage your son/ daughter to attend as many as possible:

| Day | Subject | Member of staff | Venue |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Monday | Exam skills for Science | Mr Rees | S5 |
| Monday | Biology | Miss Tooms | S7 |
| Tuesday | English | English Team | E7 |
| Wednesday | Biology | Miss Rigby | S12 |
| Wednesday | Maths | Maths Team | M2, M3 |
| Thursday | Chemistry | Miss Kearney | S3 |
| Friday | Chemistry | Ms Shellard | S8 |

High achieving pupils

Mr Ramsbottom, our coordinator for high achieving pupils, will be leading an exciting new venture, launching during the next academic year, where 30 of the highest scoring students in Year 10 will be placed in a 'stretch and challenge' cohort. This will enable them access to additional careers guidance, tailored support and further exciting opportunities designed to ensure they fulfil their potential and can explore areas that are of specific interest to them. Whilst other students will be invited to specific events based on the recommendations of teachers, enabling our most able students to achieve their potential is of great importance.

End of term arrangements

Lastly, on the penultimate day of term, the 19th July, we will be finishing lessons at 11 am and students will be able to enjoy the annual WFA Festival: a range of fun activities organised by staff on the day. Students have the opportunity to 'spend' their Purple Points to purchase items from a BBQ, ice cream van, as well as various other activities and sporting events. This, and the final day of term, Friday 20th July will also be non-uniform days and students can pay for the Thursday's with their Purple Points, with cash from Friday's going towards our chosen charity, which will be advertised soon. On the last day of term students will be dismissed from 12.20pm onwards.

Should you have any questions about these arrangements, please do get in touch at dwestell@westonfavellacademy.org

In the meantime, I'd like to wish all students in Year 10 great success in their end of year exams.

Yours sincerely



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