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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you with respect to the Year 10 examinations which will take place beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and will run until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

This time next year, your child will be about to take their GCSE examinations; we do not yet know whether any concessions or adjustments will be made to next year's exams as a result of the pandemic and will inform you as soon as we have further information. In the meantime, we have to ensure students are fully prepared for the rigour of GCSEs and these Year 10 examinations will give them an opportunity to experience formal examinations, with some adjustments to make the process less daunting for them.

Rather than sitting their exams in the hall, we have allocated a block of classrooms for students to sit their exams, away from the rest of the school. Full exam conditions will still apply and external invigilators will supervise the exams, but our current Year 11 cohort found this approach more supportive when we trialled it with them this year. It is likely that mock examinations in the autumn term of Year 11 will be held in the hall and we would urge students to see the Year 10 exams as a step towards the mocks.

Those students who have been identified as requiring extra support in their exams will have this provided to them. Please contact Mrs White or Mrs Wassall via [info@tpstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@tpstrust.co.uk) if you have any questions about this.

Preparation for the Year 10 exams is ongoing in school, with students being informed which aspects of the course they are going to be assessed on. Much of the preparation will take place in school but, as with any exam, we would expect that students will be revising and preparing at home as well. To enable you to support your child, I have enclosed a copy of the full exam timetable.

These exams will enable us to assess students' current progress and establish any areas for intervention or support. New ATL and GCSE estimated grade data will be generated following the exams and sent home in the last week of term. Please note that this data will not be solely based on the results of the Year 10 exams.

If you have any questions relating to the exams, please either direct them to the relevant Head of Department or myself via [info@tpstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@tpstrust.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Knight  
Deputy Headteacher