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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

RELIGIOUS STUDIES GCSE

Year 10 have shown a great approach to their previous two rounds of mock exams for Religious Studies. We are sure they are well underway with revision and preparation for their final exams, and that they have seen their seat location etc. and their exam timetable via Arbor. However, below is a reminder of the exam dates and times (the timing will vary compared to mock exams as we must follow the published national times):

- Tuesday 13th May (am) - paper 1
- Wednesday 21st May (pm) - paper 2
- Wednesday 4th June (pm) - paper 3

For morning exams, students should arrive no later than 8:20 am. Tutor time will be in the Dining Hall so students can hear any last-minute messages and key information before their exam. They will start to line up outside the exam hall from 8:45 am and will start the exam no later than 9:00 am. After the exam they will have break, and then they will then continue with the normal school day.

For afternoon exams, students will have lunch as normal. After this they will go to their normal period 4 lesson and be able to revise, or relax as they prefer, before lining up outside the exam hall at 1:15 pm. The exam will start at 1:30 pm and should finish around 2:30 pm. After the exam, students will be able to leave the school site, but they can remain on site and in the LRC if they wish. If they would like to do this, please email Miss Clayton (lily.clayton@olympustrust.co.uk).

It is important to note that for these GCSE exams, if a student arrives late, they may not be able to sit the exam, and all students must remain in the exam hall for the full duration of the exam; they cannot leave early if they finish. If a student misses an exam, they will not be able to re-sit this later, and if an exam is missed without exceptional circumstances, parents and carers may be asked to cover the cost of the exam.

END OF YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

End of year mock exams will take place between 16th June – 27th June 2025. We hope this experience of further formal mock exams at the end of the academic year will continue to prepare students for next summer and importantly provide them with feedback to inform their future revision.

For the subjects that students picked for their options, these exams will be completed in class and their teacher will inform them of the timing of these. For English, maths and science, these exams will take place in the Sports Hall on the dates and times below:

Subject	Date	Line up time
English Literature	23rd June (am)	8.45 am
Biology	23rd June (pm)	12.50 pm
Maths	24th June (am)	8.45 am
Chemistry	24th June (pm)	12.50 pm
Maths	25th June (am)	8.45 am
Physics	25th June (pm)	12.50 pm

For the morning exams above, students will be expected to attend school and tutor as normal. Towards the end of tutor, the students will then head down to the playground near the Sports Hall to line up at 8:45 am. For the afternoon exams, students will have first lunch, and at the end of lunch they will again move to the playground near the Sports Hall to line up. When students are not in an exam, they will follow the school timetable as normal.

For the afternoon and whole cohort exams only (as above in the table), as students finish, they will be allowed to leave school slightly earlier. If you would like your child to remain on site, we can provide an independent study space. If so, please let Miss Clayton know via email.

It is essential that your child has read the 'JCQ Information for Candidates' documents which can be found here on the website under the JCQ guidance section. The document outlines the items that are permitted and prohibited from the examination room. Students will be expected to put all their belongings in their lockers before meeting in the examination area (the playground at the back of the school by the Sports Hall). It is important that all equipment that is needed for the examination is taken inside the examination room (including a calculator, protractor, etc. where allowed) as there will not be any replacements handed out. Students must also know their seat number for each examination; this will be on their personal examination timetable, issued via Arbor, and it will be posted daily on the noticeboard outside the exam hall.

Whilst we know that students previously showed the correct attitude and approach, it is important to note that if a student doesn't follow the protocols as set out by the JCQ they will be removed from the exam, and a sanction will be put in place in line with the School's Behaviour Policy. In addition to this, students are not permitted to leave the exam hall (unless they have permission, such as for a supervised movement break) until they are dismissed at the end of the exam. If a student leaves the exam hall before this, this will be treated as truancy and the student will spend a period of time in reset (if the student was later timetabled to complete a mock, they will do this in reset). During GCSE exams this will also have to be reported to the exam board as malpractice, and the student could score zero for the paper, and be withdrawn from the entire subject by the exam board.

We appreciate there is a lot of information in this letter, but please do discuss this with your child. We have also covered this in a recent assembly, and tutors and teachers will continue to support students and reaffirm this information too.

If you have any questions or require further support, then please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

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