



13 June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Y10 Ready: June and July 2023

As we approach the end of Year 9 it is important that students begin their preparations for the start of their GCSE studies. To support students with this we have a week of dedicated tasks and activities calendared during the next few weeks:

- Year 9 Exams in English, Maths & Science
- Introductory Sessions for their chosen Option Subjects
- 'How to be Year 10 Ready' workshop

Year 9 Exams: 21 – 23 June 2023

Students will sit 1 paper for English & Maths and 2 Science papers. They will be assessed on material covered over the course of Year 9. Their subject teachers have explained the nature of the individual papers and the content they need to revise. The results of these exams will help ensure students are placed in the correct set for next year and will help us identify whether we need to offer any additional academic support through the tutoring programme.

	Wednesday 21st June	Thursday 22nd June	Friday 23rd June
P1	Maths	English	Science
	1 hour 30	50 mins	1 hour
P2	Normal Lessons		
	Break		
P3	Science	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
P4	Normal Lessons		
Lunch			
P5	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons

Exams will take place in either the Main Hall or Training Suite under formal exam conditions. This is to provide students a first opportunity to experience these conditions and understand the expectations we have of them during exam sessions. It will also act as another layer of our Access Arrangements process to provide evidence towards potential additional support students might be entitled to support them in their exams. Students have had an introductory 'How to revise' workshop with Ms Biddiss today and they will have an 'exams briefing' next week to include a walkthrough of where to sit and the expectations within the exam spaces.

Options Introductory Sessions: 28 June – 4 July 2023

Students will have a 2-hour session for each of their 4 options subjects in late June/early July – a bespoke timetable will be issued to students for these days. During these sessions, students will complete some work in preparation for the course. They will also be set a summer task to complete ahead of their return in September. These sessions provide students a final opportunity to consider whether they have made the correct choices for themselves – should your son/daughter wish to discuss a change they must do so directly with Miss Bliss as a matter of urgency.

Year 10 Ready Workshop: 27 June 2023

This workshop will focus on the learning habits and skills required to be successful at GCSE. Students will be asked to consider both their academic and character strengths and consider how they can maximise these for success. This will take place ahead of the Options Intro Sessions and delivered by Ms Biddiss (current HOY) and Mrs Ashely (HOY 10).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miss Bliss', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss Bliss
Deputy Headteacher