

Get Set for Y10

June and July 2026



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- ▶ You are approaching the start of your GCSE courses (and in some subjects this work is well underway)
- ▶ You will feel the shift in expectation (quality & quantity of your work)
- ▶ The expectations of how you engage with lesson tasks AND homework will change
- ▶ You will need to be MORE organised and disciplined in your approach to learning
- ▶ Next few weeks will look a little different and help support you prepare for the step up.

Prep to Perform Workshop & Core PPEs

The introduction to the skills you need to perform in exams. PPEs inform: Where are you at, what sets will you be in next year

Options Intro Sessions

Start the course, check you have made the correct decisions

GET SET workshop

Review and reflect on Y9 and prepare for the challenges of Y10

Core Exams

- ▶ You will sit exams in English, Maths and Science
- ▶ They allow you to experience taking exams in the Main Hall / Sports Hall
- ▶ A small number of students with Access Arrangements already agreed will sit their exams in the Training Suite (Mrs Reilly, Exams officer will let you know if this applies to you). These exams provide us with further information for other students to inform decisions about Access Arrangements.
- ▶ Your teachers will tell you what to revise & homework for the next 2 weeks will be focused around revision
- ▶ This first round of exams will take place in the week beginning Monday 15th June:
 - ▶ The papers will include material from across the units you have studied in Y9
 - ▶ English papers will last 60 minutes
 - ▶ Science papers will last 45m - *there will be one for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics*
 - ▶ Maths paper will last 60 minutes

You will receive the exam timetable later this week through your tutor



Core Exams

- ▶ Why do we do them?
 - ▶ Opportunity to experience the Exam Hall and understand the expectations
 - ▶ Have a first go at GCSE style exam questions within an exam setting
 - ▶ Provide further evidence to support Access Arrangement applications
 - ▶ You will receive results as a % and you will receive the class average to allow you to calibrate your attainment
 - ▶ Give us information to *assist* in deciding groups (& potential tiers of entry) for Y10
 - ▶ Give us information in how best to support you for GCSE study / Exams

You should try your best in the exam papers and spend some time revising for them over the next 20 days.



Exam Day logistics

- ▶ Exams will take place in the Main Hall or the Training Suite
- ▶ Session 1 exams will start **BY** 9am

*Students should register with their tutor in the Quad promptly at 8.40 **BEFORE** heading to the Exam hall*

- ▶ Session 2 exams will start **BY** 11.30am

Student should make their way promptly at the end of break to the Quad and line up

Before the first exam, we will do a walk-through of where you will sit for the exams and go through some of the key exam rules you will be expected to follow.



Additional Information

You will be expected to adhere to JCQ regulations before, during and after the exams. Details of these can be found on the link shared with parents and in Google Classroom

When you don't have an exam you will be in your regular timetabled lessons

If you are unwell and unable to attend school you will sit the exams upon your return. If you are late to an exam you will be admitted and, where possible, provided with the time to complete the exam fully.

Poor behaviour within the exam rooms will not be tolerated

You are not allowed to take certain items into the exam room (watch, phone, earpods etc)

Results will be internally marked and moderated by teachers. **Results will be issued during a special assembly in early July.** Where there is significant underperformance you can expect to be asked to re-sit a paper.

To Help You Prepare

- You will have a special workshop to introduce some key techniques to help you with revision.
- Your English, Maths and Science teachers will give you revision checklists and dedicated homework tasks to support your revision
- We will do a walk-through in advance of the PPEs so you know where you will be sitting and what the expectations are in terms of the entry routines.



GCSE Introductory Sessions - scheduled to take place in the last week of June/start of July

- You will have a 2-hour introductory session for each of your chosen option subjects
- A chance to see what the course holds
- Complete some introductory tasks
- Receive your summer tasks

This is a great opportunity to make a good first impression! You are expected to engage positively and enthusiastically. **Staff will be feeding back to me about your conduct and suitability for the courses.**

If you wish to discuss changing an option - speak to Miss Bliss!



Get Ready for Y10 workshop

- A workshop during this time period to review Y9 and consider the challenges that lie ahead in Y10

Next Steps

1. Engage positively with the revision workshop so that you have all the tools to prepare thoroughly for the upcoming exams
2. Check you know what the revision topics are for English, Maths and Science
3. Complete lesson and homework tasks to support your revision

