



10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer,

**RE: Year 10 Mock examinations and revision**

Please find attached the Year 10 mock examination timetable which commences on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This is the first mock examinations that your child will sit during KS4 and I would like to give you more information regarding how we will be supporting your child throughout the examination process.

Today Year 10 received an assembly that gave key information about the examination process and what happens before, during and after an examination. We feel that to replicate the GCSE exam process at the earliest time is the most effective method of allowing students to focus on applying all their learning during, what can be, a very stressful time. We understand that GCSEs can be daunting, without the added pressure caused by gaps in student learning during the pandemic. We wish to support both pupils and parents throughout the process. We want to ensure that we keep you informed about the progress of your child, and to enable you to support and motivate them to achieve a set of qualifications that reflect their ability and that they can be proud of.

This week your child will be coming home with a pack of revision resources to aid their revision for their mock examination. This will include a scientific calculator; stationery sets and notepads/post it notes/revision cards. Subject teachers have already begun to teach year 10 students how to revise for each subject and more information and revision tips can be found on our school website.

We have available revision guides and cards for each subject within school and these are available for you to purchase via the school gateway – I enclose the price list for all the resources available and they can be purchased via the school gateway. If your child is entitled to free school meals they will receive a set of revision guides for their subjects free of charge over the next few weeks. If you your child is not entitled but you are unable to purchase any of these materials please contact me immediately. For English, Maths and Science subject teachers can tell your child which revision guides are most suitable at this moment in time so that they do not ALL need to be bought at the same time.

The full programme of intervention at Darwen Vale is extensive for KS4– we have a full Saturday and holiday provision with specific teachers and qualified academic mentors. This would cost hundreds of pounds if parents were to employ tutors privately – as many do. It is completely free to Vale students and an opportunity that children do not get in many secondary schools. We really want our year 10 students to begin to access this provision from Year 10 and I enclose the Saturday school timetable for your information. We have also recently booked our yearly English and Maths bootcamp at Winmarleigh Hall for Year 10 for October 2023. A letter will be being sent home next month with more information.

Finally, I would like to remind you of some important dates for your diaries involving Year 10:

- 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 10 mock 1 examinations
- Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February – year 10 written report sent home to parents
- Letter regarding Revision Bootcamp at Winmarleigh Hall sent home (February 2023)
- 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 10 parents evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 mock 2 examinations



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If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself ([ruth.cull@darwenvale.com](mailto:ruth.cull@darwenvale.com)) or Mr Adcroft ([DAdcroft@darwenvale.com](mailto:DAdcroft@darwenvale.com))

Yours sincerely,

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