



Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It has been amazing to see all the hard work Year 10 students have been putting in during their lessons this term.

I am writing to inform you of the Year 10 Mock Exams and an upcoming change to the school day.

Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 Mock Exams are exceptionally important for students as it allows them to experience full examination conditions before the rigour of Year 11. The mock exams also enable our expert teachers to identify any gaps in knowledge which informs; curriculum sequencing, revision and targeted Intervention.

Before every morning exam students will attend a warm-up session. The purpose of the warm-up is to fully prepare the students for the exam they are about to sit and therefore help students enter their exams in the right mindset. The mock exam season will run from **Monday 17th June - Thursday 27th June**. The Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable can be found at the bottom of this letter and I will post this on Google Classroom.

To support families in preparing for the Mock Exams, Yate Academy will be holding an information evening on **Wednesday 5th June** from **5:30pm – 6pm**. The evening will cover all aspects of this letter and further details regarding Year 11 expectations.

Year 10 Period 0 & Period 6

One of the biggest indicators of student success is the amount of time that students spend being taught by outstanding teachers. To allow this to happen **Period 0** will begin and this will replace Year 10 tutor reading. Period 0 is a Maths and English morning intervention, where ALL students are required to be in school for 8:30am. This allows period 0 to start promptly after roll call so we can make every second count. This will start on Monday 17th June.

The next change to the school day will be the introduction of **Period 6**. This session will run every day so that our students have access to expert tutors free of charge. Our staff know the areas that your child needs to develop in, and so can design their curriculum to hit these aspects and close gaps before the summer holidays. These lessons will run from **3pm-4pm every night** after school. All students are expected to attend every session, this is part of their timetable. This will start on Monday 17th June.

This means that between June and the end of the academic year, students will receive an additional 40 hours of learning time, which equates to 8 extra school days. We recognise that students will be staying later in the evening, so to support this we will also be providing a variety of snacks at the end of each day.

Year 10 Champions hour

As part of our additional offer, we will also be running 'Champions Hour'. This session runs from 4pm – 5pm Monday to Thursday. The aim of this session is to provide students with a supervised self-study area where they can revise and prepare for upcoming exams. Once in Year 11 there will be a compulsory champions hour once a week for all students, that focuses on English, Maths and Science with a



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specialist teacher delivering core content. More information will be given on this at the information evening on **Wednesday 5th June from 5:30pm – 6pm**

We look forward to your full support in ensuring that the students at Yate Academy have a better chance of success than if they went to any other school in the country.

If you have any questions regarding intervention, please get in touch via email at:

imaggs@yateacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully

James Maggs
Assistant Principal



YEAR 10 MOCK EXAM SCHEDULE

Week Commencing 17th June

17
JUNE

MATHS (PAPER 1)

AT 09.15 AM

COMBINED SCIENCE / BIOLOGY

AT 14.00 PM

18
JUNE

ENGLISH LITERATURE (PAPER 1)

AT 09.15 AM

MUSIC

AT 14.00 PM

19
JUNE

GEOGRAPHY (PAPER 1)

AT 09.15 AM

MATHS (PAPER 2)

AT 14.00 PM

20
JUNE

FRENCH & SPANISH (WRITING)

AT 09.15 AM

COMBINED SCIENCE / CHEMISTRY

AT 14.00 PM

21
JUNE

HISTORY (PAPER 1)

AT 09.15 AM

GEOGRAPHY (PAPER 2)

AT 14.00 PM



All morning exams warm-up sessions will start at 08.30am
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YEAR 10 MOCK EXAM SCHEDULE

Week Commencing 24th June

24
JUNE

MATHS (PAPER 3)

AT 09.15 AM

RELIGIOUS STUDIES / CONSTRUCTION

AT 14.00 PM

25
JUNE

ENGLISH LITERATURE (PAPER 2)

AT 09.15 AM

SPANISH (READING & LISTENING)

AT 14.00 PM

26
JUNE

COMBINED SCIENCE / PHYSICS

AT 09.15 AM

HISTORY (PAPER 2)

AT 14.00 PM

27
JUNE

CATCH UP EXAMS

AT 09.15 AM

FRENCH (READING & LISTENING)

AT 14.00 PM



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