

17 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Raising Achievement Year 10 Summer Internal Examinations - Update**

I write to inform you of updates in relation to the forthcoming series of internal Year 10 assessments. First and foremost, thank you for continuing to support your son/ward in preparation for his GCSE statistics assessments, which are important for his centre assessed grade. Second, we are now able to publish the Year 10 summer examinations timetable (see attached to this letter). The bulk of these important assessments take place between Thursday 17 June and Thursday 8 July 2021. Please note:

- Some other assessments for practical subjects may take place at a different time. Your son/ward will be notified in advance.
- Nearer the time, your son/ward will attend an assembly to ensure he fully understands the strict JCQ regulations under which these examinations will be conducted; this will also be valuable preparation for his external examinations in Summer 2022.
- After the May half, term students will receive a personalised timetable with details of which room and seat number he has been allocated for each examination.

Given the above, it is now absolutely vital that your son/ward revises both in the lead-up to and during the May holiday period. To support this expectation, your son/ward must follow a number of steps:

1. **Quantity of revision:** ensure that your son/ward revises for four hours each day over the holiday period and for two hours every school evening. There is no such thing as having no PPA (homework); active revision is PPA. If he hasn't started revising already, it's never too late to do so. During the school holidays, active revision is best carried out in the morning and afternoon.
2. **Quality of revision:** your son/ward must use the range of *active revision* techniques which he has been taught. These techniques are outlined on the school website. Passive revision techniques such as simply reading and/or highlighting text are wholly ineffective. Also, encourage him to:
  - switch subjects and topics within subjects every 30 minutes; this is called interleaving and is a proven, highly effective technique to support long-term memory; and
  - revise in a public space (not his bedroom) until he has developed some "earned trust". Ask to view the evidence of his revision on a daily basis.
3. **Examination coverage:** the internal examinations cover the full range of subjects. Given this, it is crucial that your son/ward revises for all his subject areas and not just his favourite subjects.

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A list of other recommended websites to aid *active revision* are posted on the school website as are the official JCQ examination regulations. Other revision resources including the personalised learning checklists (PLCs) can be found on both Teams and SharePoint.

If any parent/carer has not purchased revision guides and/or work books, these essential items can be bought online using our payment system, Scopay. Students on Free School Meals (FSM) can obtain revision guides free of charge by visiting the school shop.

Finally, be aware that, over the next ten months, your son/ward will be interviewed by an independent advisor for careers. To fully prepare for this face-to-face meeting, your son/ward has been asked to complete various tasks on UNIFROG as part of his PSHE lessons; ask to see this work. The importance of these activities cannot be understated. Good career guidance is the key to social mobility; it is about showing young people the options open to them, whatever their social and family background. We need to help them make them the right choices to set them on the path to rewarding and future careers.

Yours sincerely,



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## Year 10 Internal Examinations Timetable

### Thursday 17 June - Wednesday 7 July 2021

*Note: Examinations take place predominately in the Sports Hall; please refer to personal timetable.*

	AM		MID		PM	
	NAME	DURATION	NAME	DURATION	NAME	DURATION
<b>THURSDAY 17 JUNE</b>	Art: Day 1 (all day)					
<b>FRIDAY 18 JUNE</b>	Art: Day 2 (all day)					
<b>TUESDAY 22 JUNE</b>	English Language: Paper 1	01:45				
<b>WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE</b>	Engineering	02:00			Biology	01:00
<b>THURSDAY 24 JUNE</b>	Computer Science: Paper 1	01:20			Drama	01:30
<b>FRIDAY 25 JUNE</b>	Business Studies	01:30				
	Economics	01:30				
	Film Studies	01:30				
<b>MONDAY 28 JUNE</b>	Maths: Non-Calculator	01:00			PE: Paper 1	01:15
<b>TUESDAY 29 JUNE</b>	French: Listening & Reading (H & F)	01:45 & 01:20			Chemistry	01:00
<b>WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE</b>	Spanish: Listening & Reading (H & F)	01:45 & 01:20			History: Paper 1	01:15
<b>THURSDAY 1 JULY</b>	Music: Appraising	01:45			French: Writing (H & F)	01:20 & 01:10
					Spanish: Writing (H & F)	01:20 & 01:10
<b>FRIDAY 2 JULY</b>	Geography	01:30			PE: Paper 2	01:15
<b>MONDAY 5 JULY</b>	English Literature: Paper 2	02:15			History: Paper 2	00:55
<b>TUESDAY 6 JULY</b>	Computer Science: Paper 2	01:20			Physics	01:00
<b>WEDNESDAY 7 JULY</b>	Maths: Calculator	01:00				