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Dear Parent / Carer

Summer Mock Examinations – Year 10

Since returning to a sense of normality in the Academy in September 2021, students in Year 10 have been working hard to address any knowledge or skills gaps that might have emerged during the global pandemic. Following their spring mock examinations in English, Maths and Science, students have been preparing in lessons for their summer mock examinations which will take place next half term.

The purpose of assessment at Oasis Academy Mayfield is to enable us to see the effectiveness of the taught curriculum in each subject, and to help identify each student's individual strengths and areas of development so that we can adapt upcoming teaching, and the curriculum, as necessary.

For students, mock examinations provide valuable opportunities to build their experience and skills in how to revise effectively, as well as ensuring that key knowledge is revisited regularly to help them to retain this in their long-term (working) memory. Mock examinations are also a very good opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the examinations process in readiness for the final GCSE examinations they will complete in Year 11 next summer.

This letter outlines how students can prepare to perform in their mock examinations, how you can support your child as a parent / carer, and the steps we are taking as a school to support your child in reaching their full potential.

Mock Examination Arrangements

All mock examinations will take place in the Sports Hall in formal examination conditions. The mock exam timetable for Year 10 can be found on the final page of this letter. Students will have a formal seating plan and an updated mock exam timetable, including rooms and seats, will be provided in advance of the start of the mock examinations. Students will also begin their formal English Language Speaking Assessment which will contribute towards their final GCSE grade in Year 11.

On our return from half term, students will revisit the precise guidance during an assembly on our expectations during mock examinations, as well as student conduct. Students who qualify for access arrangements will have their needs met by our learning support team and will take their mock examinations in another venue to accommodate their needs.

End of Year Revision Booklet – Year 10

Please find enclosed with this letter our End of Year Revision Booklet for Year 10. Subject leaders have shared the key knowledge and significant skills that could be assessed in the summer mock examinations. This information has been supplemented with resources that your child can access directly using their Horizons iPad. Students have also been provided with a digital copy of this booklet by email and it is available on our website here: <https://bit.ly/OAMAssessment>.

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Parental Support in Preparing to Perform

We are committed to working in partnership with you as parents / carers and communication is key in ensuring that we meet this commitment. The first step that we would ask you to take with your child is to discuss their upcoming mock exams with them and encourage them to revise in readiness so that they are prepared to perform.

At Oasis Academy Mayfield, we are also providing you with a Parental Support package. This package includes advice and guidance materials on how you can support your child in preparing for their mock exams. This information comes from our partner organisations, PiXL (Partners in Excellence) and GCSEPod. A copy of this package is attached to this letter and can also be found on our website here: <https://bit.ly/OAMAssessment>.

In the first term in Year 11, students will begin applying for colleges and other post-16 destinations and they will be asked to share their most recent grades in school. For many students, these mock examination results will be the grades that they will need to report and so we want for every child to make their best effort to showcase what they **know** and **can do**.

There is a wealth of information on the internet and in blogs about how to support your child with study habits and revision. Mock exams can be stressful for students and for you as a parent / carer. It would therefore be useful if you carved out some time with your child over the half term break and, together, you look at the website here: <https://bit.ly/OAMParentPack> and review steps you can take as a family to support your child in securing success in their upcoming mock examinations.

Mock Examination Feedback and Feedforward

The most useful part of our assessment cycle is the quality of the feedback students receive, and how this enables them to feedforward. Feedforward is where students address the gaps in their knowledge and skills so that they can accelerate their progress and better access and master their learning in the next phase of education – in this case Year 11.

Students will receive feedback on their mock examinations and their teachers will continue to plan opportunities for students to connect with the key knowledge, identified as areas of development, through retrieval practice in lessons. Many subjects will also provide feedforward homework for the summer so that students can prepare for the year ahead when they return in September.

Results from your child's mock examinations will be shared with students in an assembly on **Wednesday 20 July 2022**. These reports will then be made available to parents / carers via MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) at **3.00pm**. This report will include:

- a grade that your child achieved for the mock exams that they completed,
- a collection of percentage scores so you can see how your child's attainment compares with their peers in Year 10, and
- Determination to Learn scores, reporting on effort, behaviour for learning and homework.

We thank you for your time in reading this letter. We hope the information provided here is detailed and helpful to you. Should you have any questions about the content of this letter or the mock examinations that your child will complete then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance who will be pleased to offer support.

We look forward to a successful Year 10 mock examination series this summer and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

YEAR 10



DATE	LINE UP	START	EXAMINATION	LENGTH
15 June	12.50pm	1.00pm	Religious Education - Paper 1	2h00
<i>15 June</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>English Spoken Language Assessments Start</i>	<i>30m</i>
<i>20 June</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>B-band: NGRT Reading Test (English Lesson)</i>	<i>1h00</i>
<i>20 June</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>12.00pm</i>	<i>A-band: NGRT Reading Test (English Lesson)</i>	<i>1h00</i>
21 June	8.30am	9.00am	English Language - Paper 1	1h45
21 June	11.00am	11.30am	Geography - Paper 1	1h30
21 June	1.20pm	1.30pm	History - Paper 1	1h15
22 June	8.30am	9.00am	Biology - Paper 1	1h15 / 1h45
22 June	11.00am	11.30am	Mathematics - Paper 1 (Non-calculator)	1h30
22 June	1.20pm	1.30pm	Geography - Paper 2	1h30
<i>23 June</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>9.40am</i>	<i>A-band: Reading Plus Assessment (English Lesson)</i>	<i>1h00</i>
<i>23 June</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>B-band: Reading Plus Assessment (English Lesson)</i>	<i>1h00</i>
23 June	12.50pm	1.00pm	Food Preparation and Nutrition	1h45
29 June	8.30am	9.00am	English Literature - Paper 1	1h45
29 June	11.00am	11.30am	Chemistry - Paper 1	1h15 / 1h45
29 June	1.20pm	1.30pm	French - Writing	1h00 / 1h15
30 June	8.30am	9.00am	Mathematics (Calculator)	1h30
30 June	11.00pm	11.30am	Physics - Paper 1	1h15 / 1h45
30 June	1.50pm	2.00pm	French - Listening and Reading	40m / 45m
01 July	8.30am	9.00am	Computer Science - Paper 1	1h30
01 July	11.00am	11.15am	Music	1h45

NOTE: Assessments highlighted in **red** will take place during **normal timetabled lessons**.