

**Year 10 practice exam day**  
**Friday 17th April 2026**

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Year 10 will complete practice exams in English and maths. The purpose of this day is to give students experience of completing larger assessments, as a whole year group, in an exam venue. It will also give students with access arrangements an opportunity to rehearse their use.

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

0845 Students to arrive at exam venue.

0900 English exam starts. Students will go to the dining hall for a short break when they come out of the exam, before going to their Period 2 lesson. *There will not be any food service at this point, so students will need to bring a snack with them if they would like something to eat.*

1235 Early lunch. Students will have access to the dining facilities - usual food service in operation.

1315 Students to arrive at exam venue.

1330 Maths exam starts. Students will be free to leave school when the assessment finishes. For students on standard timings this will be at approximately 1500 – for those with extra time, a little later.

For most students the practice examinations will take place in the Sports Centre. Students with extra time access arrangements should go to the main venue. However, if a student has an SEN access arrangement that includes use of a laptop, scribe or reader, they should report to A32 at least 15 mins before the start time.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child has the correct equipment and arrives on time for their exam wearing full school uniform. Students should only have a clear bottle of water that has no label or writing on it. Exam boards stress that it is the responsibility of the student to come with the correct equipment, so we recommend that a clear pencil case with black biro, ruler, protractor, a pair of compasses, pencil, rubber and a calculator should be brought to all exams. We will not be loaning any equipment to students. We would ask that students ensure that they visit the toilet prior to taking their exams, as toilet breaks are very disruptive and should only be taken in an emergency or in case of medical need.

**Students are not permitted to have the following in their possession in the exam room:** earphones/earbuds, mobile phones, any type of watch, iPods, MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart glasses or tablets. Exam regulations and guidance can be found [here](#).

We have produced resources to help students to revise, which can be found in the Learning section of the school website. In [Learning/How to Learn at GCSE](#), there are videos on how to learn effectively. There is also subject specific advice on the relevant subject pages in [Learning/Curriculum by subject](#).

Thank you for your support. If you have any queries, please do get in touch with us at school.

Yours sincerely

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