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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we will be holding Year 10 examinations on the week beginning the 26th of April (see attached timetable). Students will be aware of these exams through discussions with their class teachers, but we will give them more detailed information regarding the logistics through their tutors, and in assemblies.

It is important that we ensure students' knowledge is formally assessed. We need to give students experience of sitting examinations in controlled conditions. These will give staff a picture of student performance and highlight anyone who may need to be more focused. This will also inform teacher planning around aspects of exam technique that they may need to develop within their class teaching.

Our intention is not to place undue pressure on our students but at some point, we do need to bring them back to the reality of academic routine and the importance of reviewing and consolidating their knowledge. Teachers will be preparing their classes for these exams, and setting suitable revision activities to support them over the coming weeks. These exams will be taken in controlled conditions in our Sports Hall. Students who are eligible for access arrangements will have these provided in full.

We expect that students will take this exam period seriously and therefore revise at home as well as using lesson time to prepare. Teachers are using ClassCharts to set homework that will best prepare our students. The enclosed timetable will enable you to support your child in preparing for the exams and allocate their time appropriately. When they are not sitting an exam, they will be able to revise quietly in their lessons.

Kind Regards,

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