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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I trust that your children have enjoyed their work experience this week and have gained valuable insights into life after Harris.

Upcoming Summer Mock Exams for Year 10

The mock exams for Year 10 will commence on the 17th of June and will run until the 5th of July. These exams are designed to give students an early experience of the GCSE exam conditions, helping them to become familiar with the format and the intensity of a real exam period.

During this time, there will be days with both morning and afternoon exams, providing students with a realistic experience of what to expect in their future exams. It is crucial for students to focus on being mentally prepared for the exams, understanding where to go, how to line up, and what to expect in terms of time management.

Revision Techniques

In the run up to GCSEs I would like to use this opportunity to share with you a simple revision method that I am a huge proponent of - the "20-20-20" revision method. This entails three 20-minute focused study sessions in an evening (20 minutes per subject). Below I have given example segments from several subjects, as follows:

- First 5 minutes:
 - Recall from a self-made quiz from the last time they revised.
 - A 15-question quiz on the themes in Animal Farm?
- Next 5 minutes:
 - Mind mapping what they know about a specific topic within a subject.
 - What do the Milgram and Stanford experiments show about obedience?
- Next 5 minutes:
 - Supplementing this mind map in a different colour pen from resources.
 - Taking a biology textbook and labelling the role and internal structure of the heart
- Final 5 minutes:
 - Creating quiz questions from the topic or answering a GCSE style question.
 - Use a mobile app such as *My Past Papers* to access papers and try a specific exam question

This simple but consistent structure is manageable and efficient. It will add up to hours of quality revision over time without creating a mind-set of having to study for hours on end at the end of Year 11.

There will also be afterschool revision session made available in the new school year, more information of those, and further revision sessions during the holidays in the Year 11 calendar will be forthcoming. We strongly encourage students to consult with their subject teachers or heads of department about their subject – doing so will create a more targeted and purposeful revision strategy than merely re-reading notes.



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Below I have attached an outline of the upcoming Y10 mock along with a summary of the content that will be covered.

We are committed to ensuring the success of every student. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Chris O'Shea

Assistant Head - Exams & Data

Y10 Mock Timetable

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Week 1		
Mon-17-Jun	English Lit	09:15
Mon-17-Jun	Math 1	13:00
Tue-18-Jun	Biology	09:00
Tue-18-Jun	Math 2	13:00
Wed-19-Jun	RS	09:00
Wed-19-Jun	Psychology	13:00
Thu-20-Jun	English Language	09:00
Thu-20-Jun	Music	13:00
Thu-20-Jun	Spanish, German & French Reading & Listening	13:00
Fri-21-Jun	Business, Product Design & PE	09:00
Fri-21-Jun	Spanish, German & French Writing	13:00
Week 2		
Mon-24-Jun	History	09:15
Mon-24-Jun	Catch Ups (D of E)	13:00



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Tue-25-Jun	Citizenship, Food & Computer Science	09:00
Tue-25-Jun	Chemistry	13:00
Wed-26-Jun	Geography	09:00
Wed-26-Jun	Physics	13:00
Thu-27-Jun	Art & Food & Catch Ups	09:00
Thu-27-Jun	Art	14:00
Fri-28-Jun	Art & Product Design	09:00
Fri-28-Jun	Art & Product Design	14:00
Week 3 Practical		
Mon-1-Jul	Food	09:00
Tue-2-Jul	Food	09:00
Thu-4-Jul	Art	09:00
Fri-5-Jul	Art	09:00

Y10 Mock topics to aid revision

Subject	Assessment Area or Question
Art	<i>Portfolio work Develop and Refine.</i>
Business	<i>GCSE Paper 1 - Business Activity, Marketing, People</i>
Citizenship	<i>GCSE Unit 2: Life in Modern Britain and Unit 4: Politics and Participation</i>
Computer Science	<i>Paper 02: Application of Computational Thinking</i>
English	<i>GCSE Literature Paper 2 Animal Farm, Power and Conflict Poetry, Unseen Poetry + GCSE Language Paper 2 Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives</i>
Food	<i>Cereal, sauces, and vitamins</i>
French	<i>Listening, Reading, Writing - all topics so far</i>
Geography	<i>GCSE Paper 1 - full paper - physical environment</i>
German	<i>Listening, Reading, Writing - all topics so far</i>



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History	<i>Elizabethan England paper: Marriage, Mary Queen of Scots, Impact of voyages, Hardwick Hall</i>
Maths	<i>full course. One non calculator paper one calculator paper</i>
Music	<i>Listening and Appraising: Vocal Music (Killer Queen and Music for While) and Fusions (Release and Samba em Preludio); Solo Performance assessment; Assessment of composition work.</i>
PE	<i>GCSE PE Paper 1 (full)</i>
Product Design	<i>Full exam paper</i>
Psychology	<i>Paper 1- Cognition and Behaviour</i>
RS	<i>Themes - Philosophical and Ethical issues (B, E, F)</i>
Spanish	<i>Listening, Reading, Writing - all topics so far</i>
Science	<i>Biology - Cells, organisation diseases and bio energy</i> <i>Chemistry - Atoms, Bonding, Moles, Chemical Reaction, Energy Change</i> <i>Physics - Energy Electric Radiation</i>