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Dear Parent/Carer

**Subject: Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Examinations – Key Information**

As our Year 10 pupils and Year 12 students begin their preparations for the upcoming mock examination series, please find below some important information to support both you and your child during this period:

- **Exam Dates:** The mock examinations will take place from **Tuesday 17th June to Tuesday 1st July**. Pupils have already received their individual examination timetables. We will continue to provide them with essential guidance and support throughout this period.
- **Attendance During Exam Period:** When not sitting an exam, pupils are expected to attend lessons as normal and must be in **full school uniform**.
- **Supporting Your Child:** We understand that exam periods can be a stressful time for students and their families. Additional support is available via the Mind website: [Exam Stress - Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk). Please contact your child's Head of House if you need to reach out for further support for them.

Please see the attached guide to support your child:  [Preparing for exams - a guide for parents and carers.pdf](#)

- **Revision Planning:** To support effective preparation, we encourage pupils to create a structured revision timetable. Useful resources to assist with revision can be found on our website: [Revision Resources - Smestow Academy](#)
- **Seat Numbers:** It is essential that your child knows their exam seat number each day. These details are included on their personal exam timetable and will also be displayed on the canteen wall each morning. Being unaware of their seat number causes delays to the start of examinations, so please support your child in checking and remembering these each day (e.g. D13).
- **JCQ Guidelines:**  
 [Warning-to-Candidates-2022 23.pdf](#)



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A copy of the overall mock exam timetable for Years 10 and 12 is attached to this letter. Please use it to help your child stay organised and well-prepared.

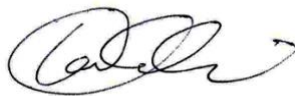
We would also like to stress the importance of maintaining excellent attendance during this period. Full attendance is vital to ensuring students can perform to the best of their ability.

As we are in the Ofsted window and expecting a visit at any time, we are likely to push a day of mock examinations to the end of the mock examinations period should Ofsted call to visit during these two weeks. This is to enable Ofsted to see the wonderful learning and attitudes shown by Year 10 and 12 when they are learning in classrooms and to enable them to gather enough evidence to form a judgement on the great improvements in the school in our first Ofsted inspection as Smestow Academy since reopening under the Matrix Academy Trust in January 2023. We will ensure that this disruption to the plan is only minimised to one day.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us via email at [postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk).

We are confident that, with the combined efforts of our pupils, staff, and families, the upcoming mock exams will be a successful and positive experience, as we all know success is achieved together.

Yours faithfully



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