

Dear Parents and Carers,

16 June 2022

Year 10 Mock Week

At St Dunstan's we pride ourselves on the excellent GCSE results our year 11 students achieve. These strong results are due in part to the attitude of our dedicated students as well as the rigorous preparation we put our students through.

Part of this preparation involves mock exams at the end of year 10. I would like to remind you that St Dunstan's and other local schools will be closed on Monday the 27th of June, due to the Glastonbury Festival. However on Tuesday the 28th, we will begin our year 10 exams. Your child has already been provided with an exam timetable, please see one attached with this letter.

There are several reasons we run mock exams:

1. It allows us to measure the progress our students have made over the course of the year, it allows our teachers to identify areas for improvement.
2. Our students get practice working in exam conditions and are more confident when they come to sit their real GCSE examinations.
3. Where subjects have a Higher & Foundation tier, it informs us which tier is likely to be more appropriate for your child.

FAQ

1. What should my child be doing to prepare for their mocks?

Students should be revising on top of the homework teachers are setting in class. Topic lists and useful resources will be made available on google classroom.

2. My child doesn't seem to know how to revise. What can I do to help them?

We will be running assemblies on effective revision strategies - the most useful thing you can do is hold your child to account. Are they keeping to their revision schedule?

3. Does this count towards their GCSE grade?

Not directly, however for core subjects it may have an impact on their year 11 sets.

4. Is there anything else I can do to help?

Yes, please could you check that your child has the correct equipment. They should have 2 black biro pens, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser, a scientific calculator, a protractor and a compass. They will need a clear pencil case for their year 11 exams- so I would be grateful if you could purchase one of these for your child; if you are eligible for pupil premium, we can help with the cost of required equipment - please contact your child's tutor if you require more information about this.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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