

6th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. Year 10 mock exams will begin on Monday 16th June and run for two weeks. It is crucial that students arrive at school on time and are prepared for each exam. Students have received their personalised mock exams timetable. Your child's exam timetable will also be available to view on MCAS in the report section.

Students will not be sitting an exam in BTEC Sport, Photography or Music in this round of mock exams. The Art and Design Technology exams are 5 hours long and take place on Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July.

Morning exams begin at 9am but students will begin entering the exam hall much earlier, so it is important students arrive at school for a prompt 8.30am start.

Mobile phones, watches and headphones must be handed in before each exam as they are not allowed into exams. These will be collected during form time or at breaktime. They will be returned after a student's final exam of the day.

Mock exams are an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge, demonstrating what they have learned, whilst also gaining more experience of sitting longer exams in preparation for their final GCSE exams next summer.

We hope that students demonstrate our school value of being ambitious by giving their best during this mock exam fortnight. Their performance in these exams is important as they will provide a guide as to what courses will be appropriate for them as they begin to apply for their post 16 courses in Year 11. Therefore, it is crucial that students are revising the content they have been taught in lessons. We would encourage students to revise in short chunks of time, but to do so frequently.

Students have access to a range of online platforms to support their learning. For example, [Sparx Maths](#) and [GCSE Pod](#). You can find out further information about these online platforms by visiting the [student life](#) section of our school website.

If you have any questions about the upcoming exams, please contact Mr Molloy (Achievement Leader for Year 10) k.molloy@smithswood.fmat.co.uk

We wish all our Year 10 students well for the upcoming mock exams and a positive end to the year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Friswell
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