

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students

Further to our previous correspondence regarding Year 10 exams, here are some further details about the next two weeks:

- Seating plans for each exam vary; they are posted outside the Exams Office
 and outside the rear door of the Sports Hall (this includes the rooms and
 seats for those with access arrangements) so students need to <u>check before</u>
 every exam.
- Students should register at 08:50 as normal in their form rooms, after which form teachers will accompany them to the Sports Hall.
- Exam equipment should be in a clear plastic bag; there should be no labels on water bottles, phones should be turned off and left in bags and no watches are permitted. Students must not communicate with each other while they are in the exam hall.
- Morning exams start at 09:15 and afternoon exams start at 13:30; students should be outside the exam hall by 13:15. They will be taking lunch in the Hatcher room at 12:30, giving them time to eat and have a break, prior to the afternoon exam starting.
- The exam timetable is here on the school website.
- Teachers have been asked to allow students to revise in class where possible, at least for the first week. Students should find that they have a little more time between exams in the second week, so normal teaching may well resume gradually during this week.

It is very important that the students learn the routines of formal exams and this is their first experience of them at St Aidan's. There will be plenty of staff on hand to help the students and to remind them what to do. The students are also learning how to perform under pressure and how to approach GCSE papers in different subjects. We will return exam results to students once marking is complete, followed by a full report home towards the end of the academic year.

Please direct any questions about the Year 10 exams to me, to Mr Alker as Head of Year, or to Mrs Mahoney (Exams Officer).

Kind regards

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