



10th May, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 10 Exam Cycle + Revision Workshop

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming exam cycle to be taken by all Year 10 Students. As I am sure you are aware, these are very important examinations for the school and the students. It is essential, therefore, that students prepare thoroughly and do the very best they can. The results of these exams will provide useful indicators as to the current performance of Year 10 students and enable the school to assess how well students are doing against the GCSE target grades. They will also provide students with experience of examinations which will be of value to them when they come to prepare for and sit the real examinations in next summer.

At Roding Valley High School, we pride ourselves on the extensive support programme that we offer our students in preparation for their GCSE exams. Given this is their first experience of a Key Stage 4 exam cycle we recognise the importance of ensuring they are fully prepared both academically and emotionally.

Revision workshops

To aid with this, we will be running an exam revision workshop for all Year 10 students prior to their exam cycle. This drop-down-session will provide students with the opportunity to practise key revision techniques used throughout RVHS and to begin their positive revision habits. The sessions will take place as follows:

Year 10 A side (*Geography students*): Monday 22/05/23 Period 2+3

Year 10 B side (*History students*): Friday 19/05/23 Period 2+3

These sessions will be a valuable learning experience for all students and help them to start their end of year exams in the right way.

Links to resources

[List of topics to revise](#) - broken down by subject

[GCSE revision microsite](#) - contains lots of useful resources to get revision started with

[Y10 June Exam Timetable](#)



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Please see below vital information regarding the exam cycle:

Students should arrive promptly to school having looked closely at the examination timetable beforehand. The location, duration and start time of each examination is indicated on the timetable. Students have also been given their own personal timetables. Students will return to their timetabled lessons when not in an examination. These examinations will be treated in the same way as formal GCSE's and, therefore, expectations regarding behaviour will be as stringent as during the real examinations. Silence must be maintained from the time of lining up to enter the examination room, throughout the examination and until after leaving the examination room. All students must wear full school uniform. Mobile phones must be switched off and left, along with wrist watches and any notes, in bags or jackets in the secure storeroom before entering the examination room.

Please ensure that your child arrives properly equipped. They will need at least 2 pens (black ink only), HB pencils, CALCULATOR, eraser, ruler, protractor and compasses.

We are taking this opportunity to provide you and your son/daughter with information issued by JCQ regarding expectations in relation to written examinations. In particular, we would like to emphasise the need for students not to take their mobile phones into the examination room. This is a requirement of all examination boards and failure to comply with the regulation could have serious ramifications concerning the awarding of qualifications next summer.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the above examinations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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