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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 10 Mock Exam Week - Monday 23 June until Thursday 3 July 2025**

As our current Year 11 are beginning to enter the busiest part of their summer examination period I would like to take this opportunity to explain arrangements for the first formalised set of mock examinations for your child, at the mid-point of their GCSE and BTEC courses.

Whether this is your first child to sit a formalised set of exams at KS4 or you have experience of the process previously there will be a range of support, both from the pastoral team as well as the academic subject areas to ensure they achieve the very best outcomes. While students have sat a range of tests and assessments throughout the course of the year, this is the first opportunity to experience the exam venues that mirror the experience of the summer 2026 series.

Our intention to replicate the experience of the final exams is deliberate so that students become accustomed to the process and regulations and are not phased when we come to the final exams next summer. We use a dedicated and trained team of invigilators that students will come to know over the course of their mock exams, expertly lead by our exams officer Mrs Brown.

Students will have the opportunity to showcase the knowledge and skills they have developed during Year 10, as well as KS3. The results and feedback from the assessments are invaluable to inform teachers, students and parents of areas of strength and areas of development as we progress into Year 11.

With that in mind, it is essential that students prepare well for these exams. Unfortunately, we do hear the line "I'll revise for the real things". If only revision were that simple. It is important that students gain practice and become proficient at using different revision strategies and learn what works most effectively for them as they lead up to each mock exam series as well as the final summer exams.

Students will hear more information regarding revision strategies during our assembly program and have these explicitly taught through our tutor time program. Some curriculum time in each subject area will also be dedicated to preparing students for these mock examinations.

Subject leaders have compiled subject specific guidance to help students prepare for these mock exams and these documents can be found using this [link](#). I would also like to recommend the following website [From, the Sidelines](#), that aims to support parents and families on the science of how children learn.



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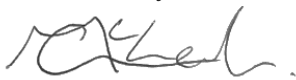
Mock exams will run from **Monday 23 June until Thursday 3 July**. Some practical elements may be timetabled outside of this window, but further communication will be sent out nearer the time. Most students will be sitting exams in the main sports hall, however, some with pre-agreed access arrangements will be entitled to any alternative provision and sit their exams in the Old Library, in line with JCQ guidelines.

Individual student timetables will be available via the student Bromcom app as well as MCAS two weeks prior to the start of the exams. This will include details timings as well as seating arrangements. Students know to expect a full suite of assessments in all courses they are studying.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the mock exams, please contact the Year 10 Team in the first instance via email: [Year10team@ta.clf.uk](mailto:Year10team@ta.clf.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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