

19th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 Examinations

Hopefully you have been made aware from your child, that all Year 10 students will have their Year 10 examinations between Tuesday 7th May and Friday 17th May (inclusive).

There are 3 examinations that sit outside of this window; Art – completed last week, Food practical – either 23rd or 24th April (as confirmed in a ParentMail sent 14th March) and Drama practical on Friday 3rd May. (NB. The Drama exam is part of the actual GCSE and therefore any absence must be supported with a doctor's certificate).

We call these exams Pre-Public Examinations - PPEs, but many students and parents refer to them as mock exams. Attendance is compulsory and I appreciate all your support in ensuring your child has full attendance. If they are unable to attend, please can I ask you to call or email Watling Attendance to let us know prior to the onset of the exam.

To support students to prepare for these exams, I have scheduled a Year 10 revision day on **Thursday 21st March**. This day will consist of:

- Learning how to revise.
- Learning how to plan for revision.
- Coping with exam stress.
- Understanding why revision will improve outcomes.
- How to revise using online platforms.



Teachers will also be going through revision in their lessons prior to the exams.

All Heads of Department have provided support materials for students (and parents/carers to support their child), and these can be found on our website:

<https://watlingacademy.net/year-10-examinations-2024-checklists/>

I am aware that some teachers have provided information by emailing it to parents or by placing the information on ClassCharts.

If you would like any specific information regarding these subject exams, please can I ask you to contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards

Mrs Barford

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