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Dear Parent

I am writing to provide you with some information regarding Year 10 exams which will begin on Monday 12 June 2023. This set of examinations will take place over a four week period. Following the exam period, reports will be issued to students. Attached to this letter is the outline timetable for examinations.

It is essential that students attend all exams as scheduled. These exams will form the basis of the reports that students use to complete sixth form and college applications early next term. We will not be able to arrange catch-up exams in the event of absence. However, at the discretion of the Head of Department, students may be given the exam to complete at home as a practice activity.

Options Subjects

During the weeks commencing 12 June and 19 June exams will focus on options subjects, which will take place in classrooms during normal lessons. There will also be no exams on 21 June due to the college and sixth form taster days.

Music, iMedia, Art, and Health and Social Care will not be carrying out formal exams as the final assessment of their course is based on ongoing coursework.

Core Subjects

During the weeks commencing 26 June and 3 July the remaining examinations for the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) will take place in the Sports Hall using formal examination procedures.

During this week any student entitled to access arrangements will be provided the necessary adjustments: students requiring extra time, readers and/or scribes will be accommodated separately to ensure they are not impacted by others.

Revision Resources

It is recommended that students make use of the revision materials they have available to them, such as revision guides, GCSE Pod, Seneca Learning, Sparx Mathematics and their exercise books. Revision guides are available to buy on the school shop [Uniform Shop \(parentpay.com\)](http://Uniform Shop (parentpay.com)).

I encourage parents to take an active role in this revision and suggest that a revision timetable is planned with students to allocate appropriate amounts of time to each subject.

Geography Field Trip

There will be no exams on 28 June, as this is the date of the GCSE Geography Coastal Fieldwork trip. Please could I remind parents of students studying Geography to ensure that consent is given for them to attend this essential trip by returning reply slips to Mrs Johnson (Head of Geography).



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. H. Chapman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr S Chapman
Assistant Headteacher