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24th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As our Year 10 students approach the end of the first year of their GCSE study, we are looking forward to preparing them as best as possible for their end of year mock examinations and subsequently embarking on their final year with us here at The Dean Academy.

Year 10 will sit End of Year examinations in formal conditions and these are of particular importance for a number of reasons; sitting exams is a skill and through practice we learn to perform to our best; they provide their teachers with important evidence and helps us to inform teaching and fill gaps; and finally they enable staff and students to identify the areas where the students' strengths lie, and also the areas where we can offer additional intervention support if needed to help them achieve their potential.

The Year 10 exams will be taking place the week commencing 9th May 2022 and all exams will be held within that week (with the exception of French or Spanish Writing being at a slightly later date). The students' individual exam timetables will be distributed in the first week back after the Easter holidays.

To support Year 10 with the preparation for these examinations and for embarking upon Year 11, we are pleased to be able to offer our students the opportunity to attend additional revision and exam technique sessions. The "Extra Mile" club will be after school on **Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.25 p.m. - 4.25 p.m.** starting on Wednesday 30th March. The purpose of these sessions is to review and reflect upon Year 10 learning, in particular those areas of content that may have been impacted due to the home learning situation of the prior two academic years. The pre-Easter sessions will follow the core subjects of Mathematics, English and Science, with a specific focus on exam preparation. Post-Easter sessions will include other subjects, resulting in a core subject focus on Wednesdays and option subjects on Thursdays.

Students who get buses to school have the opportunity to book on to the late bus, however, please be aware that spaces on this are limited so, wherever possible, we ask that you make your own arrangements for students to return home after the sessions. Although these sessions are optional, we hope that all students will choose to attend. Please use the attached reply slip to indicate that you give your permission.



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If you have any questions regarding the mock examinations, please email hannah.rowlands@thedeanacademy.org or regarding the Extra Mile club please contact Mark Swain, Head of Year 10 (mark.swain@thedeanacademy.org.uk).

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to ensure success for your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

Mark Swain
Head of Year 10

Hannah Rowlands
Assistant Headteacher

The Extra Mile Afterschool Club

I give permission for my child to attend the Year 10 after school sessions.

Student Name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer

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