

4th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As our Year 10 students approach the end of the first year of their Level 2 qualifications, 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.

The Year 10 end of year examinations will be in the fortnight commencing **Monday 29th April** and will be held over the following 9 school days. The students' individual exam timetables will be distributed in the first week back after the Easter holidays.

The end of Year 10 end mocks will be taking place in formal examination conditions and are of particular importance due to a number of reasons:

- they provide our students with as much experience as possible in the unique nature of sitting formal assessments;
- they provide their teachers with important evidence as to the progress they have made this year and enable staff to make projections based upon this performance, which will then form the basis of the reports that students will be using to apply to their next steps (6th form/apprenticeship/college);
- 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.

To support students in their preparation for these key milestone assessments, we will be running some revision workshops during Extra Mile on **Thursday 7th March** and **Thursday 11th April**. The purpose of these sessions is to guide the learners in research informed revision strategies that they can use independently to support their revision in the lead up to the end of year assessments and onwards into Year 11.





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We look forward to seeing your child at Extra Mile and in celebrating their successes at this key point in their journey here at The Dean Academy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact hrowlands@thedeanacademy.org.

Yours sincerely

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