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Dear Parents/Carers,

As your child is now approaching their year 10 mock examinations there is quite a lot of important information that I would like to share with you. As you know this is a vital year for them as they prepare for their GCSE's and consider their next steps beyond Bishop's.

The mock exam period for year 10 is due to commence on Friday 19th June. These exams are important for students not only to gain valuable experience in preparing for their final GCSE examinations in Year 11, but also for determining potential tiers of entry for Maths, Science and Languages. The examinations also provide valuable insight regarding your child's progress in each subject and thus inform future planning of curriculum delivery next year.

Given the importance of these examinations, it is vital that all students prepare effectively, in advance, so that they achieve their full potential. To support with revision, students will be issued their exam timetable before half term, and will have attended an examination information assembly, led by myself, on Friday 15th May. During the assembly I shared important information about NEA (non - examined assessments) expectations, regulations and deadlines.

Each student will be issued a Year 10 Revision Booklet. The booklet will contain a diary to help them to plan what revision will be undertaken on a daily basis. They have work to do every day to prepare for their exams. Students should focus on recalling and understanding subject content, then practising past paper exam questions from the relevant exam board for each subject. Other techniques, such as repeated use of flashcards to embed recall or mind maps to consolidate learning are recommended, teachers will be promoting these techniques in class over the coming weeks. Revision flash cards have also been issued to students to help them to create resources to revise from. We advise regular bitesize amounts of revision to ensure their knowledge is building up over time and not all left until the last minute. Please ensure they have somewhere at home where they can work without distractions and talk to them about what work needs to be completed.

A high level of attendance and punctuality to school and lessons is absolutely vital. Your child needs to be in all their lessons to ensure key learning is not missed. Students also need to gain enough sleep to be effective in school. We cannot stress enough to you the importance of this year.

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In case you wish to purchase revision guides or cards from our school shop, the examinations boards that we use are as follows:

Pearson for Maths, Science and PE, French, Spanish:

[Past papers](#) | [Past exam papers](#) | [Pearson qualifications](#)

AQA for Geography, History, English Literature and Language, Food, DT, Further Maths, RS, Business Studies

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WJEC for Music and Hospitality and Catering

[WJEC Past Papers](#)

OCR – Computer Science, Imedia, Sports Studies and Health and Social Care:

[Past papers materials finder - OCR](#)

Revision guides are available to purchase in our school shop via the following link:

[The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School - Uniform Expectations and School Shop \(bhbs.hereford.sch.uk\)](#) under Revision Guides Sept 2024 the prices can be seen. If

you would like to order any revision books please email your order through to schoolshop@bhbs.hereford.sch.uk Once the order is received and payment has been made, we can prepare the items for collection.

We will also be working with students during the next year to help them to apply for college and have a series of assembly sessions, college taster days and visits from other providers planned. The first of the college taster sessions is on June 30th.

We really appreciate your support with helping your child to be as prepared as they can be for the year ahead.

Your sincerely,



Mrs E Bunston
Deputy Headteacher