



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight some key dates and changes that are on the horizon for Year 10 students moving towards Year 11 in 2018/19.

Year 10 will be undertaking assessments/mock examinations from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Students will sit exam style questions in all subjects in the classroom during allotted lessons during assessment week or mock GCSE style exams in the Sports Hall as they will experience in May/June 2019.

## Key Dates

### **Mock Exams:**

Friday 23 February 2018 – 1.00pm start

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00am start

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 1.10pm start

**English Language** Paper 2 (1hr 45 mins)

**Biology, Physics, Chemistry** (3 x 40mins)

**Maths** Calculator & Non Calc. (2 x 50 mins)

### **Assessment Week**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### **Parents Evening**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 4.30pm to 7.00pm

### **End of Year 10 Mock Exams**

From week beginning June 18<sup>th</sup> approximately

There have been widespread changes to specifications, examinations and grades across a majority of subjects and Year 10 are the second cohort nationally to fully experience this. As a school we continually look at new practices and strategies to improve outcomes for our students.

One such new practice, introduced this year, involves the restructuring of Year 10 form groups going into Year 11. This model has proven to be very effective at improving outcomes (grades/results) for students (recently presented at a Barnet schools conference) and we envisage a positive impact at our school also.

From September, time in morning registration (prior to timetabled lessons) will provide an additional opportunity for students to progress in English, Maths and Science with extra support, consolidation or stretch and challenge. Key post holders within English, Maths and Science will become the lead tutors for those groups from September 2018. They also continue to provide pastoral care for students during form times and through assembly. This will not have an impact on any other timetabled lessons.

We will be using the data from the mock examinations in March and June/July to begin a restructure that will be repeated at varying points throughout the year as students continue to make progress. There will be a degree of fluidity around the makeup of the form groups. It is possible students will get opportunities from these key teaching personnel in all three subjects.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Barney in the first instance or Mrs Parker. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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