

23 May 2019

**Year 10 Examinations: Summer 2019**

Dear Parents

As in previous years, we will be examining all Year 10 students in a wide selection of their subjects during a formal examination period. This will provide students with an opportunity to practice examination conditions as well as assess their progress after their first full year of Key Stage 4 courses at Lees Brook Community School. The examination timetable is on the school website and I have also included a copy on the reverse of this letter.

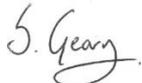
Most examinations will be held in the Sports Hall, although some examinations will take place in specialist classrooms. An exam indicated with an asterisk (\*) on the timetable means that this is either a GCSE examination or an External Assessment that will count towards your child's final grade. Please note that formal examination conditions will be observed and all students are expected to adhere to these regulations. Pencil cases should be transparent and water bottles are only permitted with the labels removed. **Smartphones and smart watches must be turned off and placed into their bag** – failure to do this in a GCSE examination will lead to the entire paper being disqualified. In addition, all students will need black pens, pencils, rulers and a scientific calculator – all stationery items listed in the student planner.

Subject teachers will be preparing students in Year 10 with revision, practice questions and examination technique during the lessons leading up to these examinations. All research indicates that students learn by “doing” rather than just reading; note taking, reducing information to card and memorising it is essential, but a variety of methods will help to improve your child's ability to retain information and make the tedious element of revision seem less severe. Please support your child by ensuring they are punctual to school each day to ensure the best possible start and by ensuring that they do not miss the start of a morning examination session.

Students should spend time over the next few weeks revising and preparing for these very important examinations. They will be an excellent indicator of the progress they have made during Year 10 and excellent preparation for the rigour of Year 11 examinations. Please can you check that your child manages their independent study and revision time effectively, limiting the use of computer games, television and mobile phone use.

Should you wish to speak to me about any aspect of Year 10 Examinations please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Geary  
Director of Achievement