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Year 11 Enrichment Options and Year 10 Examinations:

Monday 29th April to Wednesday 8th May 2024

Dear Year 10 Students, Parents and Carers,

We have been speaking to students about enrichment options for Year 11 as we are offering students a chance to pick an option which reflects their interest, to have fun, be creative and offers the time to focus on their wellbeing. Enrichment will be timetabled for a Wednesday afternoon, so students will have two one-hour periods each week. Students will need to make decisions about their enrichment options after the holidays.

Students have been given two assemblies last week on the options and you will find them [on the school website](#). The DoFE presentation is particularly important so that students and parents are aware of the time and financial commitment required.

Options for next year include:

- Duke of Edinburgh
- Physical Activity for Wellbeing
- Dance Leadership
- Digital Design and Rapid Prototyping
- Make and Mend in Textiles
- Drama
- Printmaking and Collage
- Study Periods

I am also writing as the Year 10 examinations start on the 29th April 2024. These are a vital element of GCSE preparation. The examinations provide an opportunity to embed and test student knowledge and understanding and to gain further experience of the format and question style of a GCSE paper. They enable teachers, and students, to identify areas which need further work and will give an indication of the likely grades each student will achieve in their final examinations.

Therefore, it is imperative that students are well prepared for these examinations. Students should be in the midst of their personal revision and staff have been guiding students with subject specific advice and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. Further revision advice and specific resources, including past papers, can be found on the revision zone which all students have access to via Office 365.

Students are required to attend school normally during the Year 10 examination period and will be working in supported revision spaces when they are not in exams. Each student will be issued with their own exam timetable via email by the end of this term. This will show the details of all their mock examinations. Some students will have clashes in subjects so their timetable will look different to other students. Therefore, please ask your child to check their exam timetable carefully and to come and see us if they are uncertain about any feature of it.

The general examination timetable is available on the school website here: [Exam Timetables | Ecclesbourne School](#) along with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) exam regulations and a useful 'before your exams' checklist from JCQ. These mocks should follow the same guidelines as the real exams next summer so that students are fully prepared. It is therefore essential everyone is aware of the exam regulations so please ensure that you have read through it and have discussed it with your child. The key message to emphasise is that students cannot bring any electronic device, for example, a mobile phone or smartwatch, into an exam. A calculator is only permitted for certain examinations. Students should ensure that any revision notes are left outside of the exam hall. Failure to follow these expectations can lead to disqualification from an exam or series of exams.

Please ensure that your child is aware of the dates, times and venues of their examinations. Morning examinations start at 9.00am and afternoon examinations start at 1.30pm. Students are required to be present at their examination venue at least ten minutes before the scheduled start of the examination.

We would also like to take the opportunity to highlight some key dates for the remainder of the year:

- 3rd, 4th + 6th June 2024 Year 10 Language mock speaking exams.
- Year 10 full reports will be published in the week beginning 24th June 2024.
- 28th June 2024 is the Year 10 mock Art exam.
- Work Experience Week is 1st-5th July 2024.
- 8th July 2024 is work experience follow up in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any element of this letter.

Kind regards,



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