



KING HAROLD
ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 students,

19th May 2021

During the first 2 weeks of next half term (7th-18th June), Year 10 students at King Harold will be undertaking a set of end of year examinations that form an integral part of their ongoing preparation for GCSE qualifications. They have been issued with a timetable and their subject teachers and tutors are currently working hard to ensure they are well prepared to perform to the best of their abilities in the examinations.

The last year of all students' schooling has been heavily disrupted by the pandemic, but it is likely that the current year 10 national cohort will be required to sit examinations next year in order to achieve their GCSE grades. There may well be some modifications to these exams (to acknowledge the long periods of school closure), but we believe they will be very similar to the public examinations that existed before the Covid19 pandemic.

These examinations will be challenging, but with the right preparation and dedication to independent study, we believe our students can excel, achieving amazing results that set them up for the next stage of their education.

We run the process to simulate the formal conditions of public examinations. Therefore we ask that students meet the requirements, as stipulated by the exam boards. Students will need:

1. A clear, transparent pencil case (or students are asked to remove relevant equipment and place it on their desk)
2. Calculators (where relevant to the subject)
3. Pens (black ink), pencils and (other stationery relevant to the subject).

All mobile phones devices will need to be switched off and put away in their bags.

Your child's subject teachers and tutors will currently be providing them with guidance and advice with regards to preparation for the examinations. For each subject area, they will be given guidance on:

1. What the exam(s) will cover
2. The length of the exams, number of sections, and any other relevant information.
3. The most impactful use of their revision time (what strategies/content should they prioritise, and what activities they should engage in to revise).
4. The resources they should use, and where to find additional material for revision.
5. The amount of time teachers are expecting them to commit to independent study (in evenings and over half term), in order to be successful.

We appreciate any help and support you are able to give to ensure students engage meaningfully in the examination process. It is an opportunity to revise areas of the curriculum they've covered, understand and practice taking formal examinations, and find out what they need to do to move forward and make progress.

If you have any questions or would appreciate any further support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teacher, tutor or the Head of Year, Ms Vaghela.

Kind regards,

Mr Jones
Head of School

Mrs Vaghela
Head of Year 10

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