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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **RE: Year 10 Mock Exams**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your ongoing support in helping to improve Year 10 attendance this term. Your commitment to ensuring your children attend school regularly and punctually has made a real difference, and we are pleased to see the positive impact it is having as they approach their mock exams and recognise the importance of being in school to prepare for them. Strong attendance is a key factor in student success, and we truly appreciate your partnership in reinforcing its importance at home.

From Monday 23 June to Monday 30 June, Year 10 students will undertake their first set of mock examinations. During this period, attendance and punctuality are paramount. Please note that some examinations will commence at 8.30 am; therefore, students must arrive at the academy by 8.20 am, as per usual expectations. Your child will have received a personalised mock examination timetable detailing the dates and times of each assessment. I have attached the mock exam timetable to this letter.

These mock exams represent an important opportunity for students to demonstrate the progress they have made over the course of the year. They also provide valuable insights for teaching staff, enabling them to identify individual strengths and areas for development, which will inform planning and support strategies for the next academic year. These mocks will also help us with the trialling of access arrangements for students ahead of their real exams, which is extremely important as all arrangements need to be evidenced in order for a student to qualify. This is part of our assessment process and does not guarantee that this will reflect the final arrangements. When the finalised access arrangements are made for your child, we will notify you in writing.

Our experience in supporting students to achieve excellent outcomes has shown just how beneficial these assessments are, not only for teachers in shaping teaching but also for students in understanding their current performance and what they need to improve. Following the completion of the mocks, each student will receive specific feedback outlining their current strengths (including a representative grade) and personalised guidance on how to enhance their academic performance.

We appreciate that mock examinations are a time of increased pressure and, for some students, anxiety. Should your child require any support with their wellbeing during this period, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 10 pastoral team - [konnieadams@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:konnieadams@graceacademy.org.uk) or [ccoombes@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:ccoombes@graceacademy.org.uk). Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Konnie Adams  
**Head of Year 10**

Date	Start Time	Duration	Subject
<b>23.06.25</b>	08:30	1 hour 30 mins	Maths H - Calculator
	08:30	1 hour 30 mins	Maths F - Calculator
	10:50	1 hour 30 mins	Geography
	10:50	2 hour 00 mins	History
<b>24.06.25</b>	08:30	1 hour 00 mins	French Reading
	09:30	45 mins	French Listening
	10:50	2 hour 00 mins	English Literature Paper 1 - Component 1
<b>25.06.25</b>	08:30	1 hour 45 mins	Triple Chemistry
	10:50	1 hour 15 mins	French Writing
	10:50	1 hour 20 mins	Food
<b>26.06.25</b>	08:30	1 hour 10 mins	Combined Science H
	08:30	1 hour 10 mins	Combined Science F
	08:30	1 hour 45 mins	Triple Biology
	10:50	2 hour 30 mins	English Literature Paper 2 - Component 2
<b>27.06.25</b>	08:30	1 hour 30 mins	Maths H - Non Calculator
	08:30	1 hour 30 mins	Maths F - Non Calculator
	10:50	1 hour 45 mins	Triple Physics
<b>30.06.25</b>	10:50	1 hour 30 mins	IT