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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 10 Mock Exam series 1 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

During the weeks commencing 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June, Year 10 students will be sitting a programme of mock GCSE exams for English, Maths, Science and their option subjects. These mock exams will inform the final round of monitoring for this year. Students will sit these in the hall and all usual exam standards will apply, which include no electronic devices and a prompt arrival for exam start time. Where students receive access arrangements, e.g. extra time, this will also be facilitated.

Students will be made aware of the timetable of mock exams in advance and will receive their own individual timetable. The timetable is also available on the school's website:

[https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Timetable\\_Y10\\_12\\_Mock\\_Exams\\_June\\_2022\\_-\\_pdf](https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Timetable_Y10_12_Mock_Exams_June_2022_-_pdf)

Teachers for all subjects will be making students aware of how and on what content they will be assessed in the lead up to the mock exams. Included overleaf is a summary of the assessments for the Core, EBacc and option subjects along with how students can best prepare for these.

If you have any questions or queries or would like additional information regarding the above, please contact Mr Dawson [MDawson@garibaldischool.co.uk](mailto:MDawson@garibaldischool.co.uk) or Mr Hales [AHales@garibaldischool.co.uk](mailto:AHales@garibaldischool.co.uk) or contact the school on 01623 464220.

Yours faithfully

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English Language	
<b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b>	English Language Paper 1 – Creative Reading and Writing
<b>What form will the mock exam take?</b>	Full 1 hour 45-minute paper - Questions 1-4 assessing reading skills and Question 5 assessing creative writing skills
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	Students will go through the format and style of the exam in class. Students can look at and complete past papers on the AQA website: <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Assessment+materials">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Assessment+materials</a> Students can use their exercise books with marked answers in and they will be provided with a Knowledge Organiser for vital exam information
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	They can also access GCSE Pod for step-by-step answer commentaries: <a href="https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13449/80831">https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13449/80831</a>

English Literature	
<b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b>	Paper 1 Section A: Romeo and Juliet. Section B: Unseen Poetry
<b>What form will the mock exam take?</b>	Romeo and Juliet Acts 1-3 – theme question - 1-hour essay based on an extract Unseen poetry. 50-minute essay analysing a poem they have not studied before and then comparing this poem to another poem they have not studied before.
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	Students will make flashcards for key quotations in class and will be provided with a Knowledge Organiser for key content to revise. They should revise key context, key themes e.g. love, death, fate, consequence. They will be provided with sample questions to help them understand how to quickly and effectively analyse unseen poems.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	Students can use GCSE Pod to recap the Acts and look in detail at the key themes so far: <a href="https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13399/80446">https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13399/80446</a>

Maths	
<b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b>	The whole of the KS4 programme of study
<b>What form will the mock exam take?</b>	3 papers (1 non-calculator, 2 calculator) each 1 hour 30 minutes in duration.
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	To help students revise their class teacher will provide free of charge either a set of Revision Cards or a Knowledge Retriever and Knowledge Organiser Revision book set.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	We use 'GCSEPod' in school for revision, but also recommend 'BBC Bitesize', which offers the entire programme of study to help support students revising at home.

Science	
<b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b>	Biology, Chemistry and Physics. All students will sit 1 paper for each.
<b>What form will the mock exam take?</b>	3 papers (combined 75 minutes; Triple 105 minutes) A mixture of tick box, short answer 1/2 mark questions and longer answer 3 or 4 mark questions with at least one extended 6 mark question.
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	Every teacher will provide their class with a detailed breakdown of topics and a list of activities to prepare for each revision lesson. The exams will cover all content from year 9 and year 10.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	Resources will be shared on Teams and most activities are directly linked to GCSE pod. All students will be given quizzes to help them to memorise key content. Family and friends could help by testing them on the quizzes at regular intervals.

History	
<b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b>	Health and the People c1000-present day
<b>What form will the mock exam take?</b>	1-hour exam paper
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	Students can use the notes from their exercise book or from the revision guide provided by school. They can use GCSEpod as it has excellent videos for both topics they are sitting. If buying a revision guide we recommend the CGP or Oxford ones, please make sure you choose the ones for the AQA board.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	Students have 'Assess your learning' sheets in their exercise books which detail what they need to revise and how confident they are in each area. Encourage them to revise the areas in red they feel least confident with.

Computer Science	
<b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b>	All Unit 1 content
<b>What form will the mock exam take?</b>	Unit 1 Paper (90 mins – 80 marks)
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	Revision materials via MS Teams – including past paper questions, slides and other documentation. Use of RAG map to identify weaknesses so they can be addressed. Specific links to key revision pods.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	Encourage students to revise via GCSE Pod – watching relevant pods on Unit 1 materials. Hard copies of CGP revision book can be borrowed from IT and these can be used at home as well.

<b>Geography</b>	
<b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b>	There will be one paper made up from Paper 1 'Living with the Physical Environment' (Section B 'The Living World and C UK Physical Environment)' and paper 2 'Challenges of the Human Environment' (section A Urban Challenges)
<b>What form will the mock exam take?</b>	The paper is 90 minutes long with a range of question tariffs from 1 mark identify, 4 mark explain through to 6 and 9 mark assess and evaluate questions. Students should be familiar with these questions and how to structure their responses to them.
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	<p>Books can go home to use to revise with. Alongside books teachers will provide students with revision clocks and blank knowledge organisers for them to complete.</p> <p>GCSE Pod has a variety of excellent short pods linked to all of these areas and students should be using these as a knowledge check.</p> <p>The GCSE revision guide is a recommended resource.  <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946101/ref=asc_df_1782946101/?tag=googshopuk-21&amp;linkCode=df0&amp;hvadid=310865071345&amp;hvpos=1o2&amp;hvnetw=g&amp;hvrand=1545410946582541551&amp;hvponetw=&amp;hvptwo=&amp;hvqmt=&amp;hvdev=c&amp;hvdc=415302621776&amp;psc=1&amp;th=1&amp;psc=1">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946101/ref=asc_df_1782946101/?tag=googshopuk-21&amp;linkCode=df0&amp;hvadid=310865071345&amp;hvpos=1o2&amp;hvnetw=g&amp;hvrand=1545410946582541551&amp;hvponetw=&amp;hvptwo=&amp;hvqmt=&amp;hvdev=c&amp;hvdc=415302621776&amp;psc=1&amp;th=1&amp;psc=1</a></p> <p><b>If students require any specific resources or support with key topics they should speak to their class teacher in the first instance who will be happy to help.</b></p>
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	<p>Support in creating revision resources which are effective now but also in a years' time. These could include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mind maps</li> <li>• Flash cards</li> <li>• Flow charts of knowledge</li> <li>• Model answers</li> </ul> <p>Once students have completed these then support could be provided by testing students' knowledge and understanding of what has been summarised on the revision resource.</p>

Spanish			
<p><b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b></p>	<p><b>Theme 1: Identity and Culture</b> 1.1: Me, my family and friends 1.3: Free-time activities</p>	<p><b>Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest</b> 2.1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region 2.4: Travel and tourism</p>	<p><b>Theme 3: Current and future study and employment</b> 3.1: My studies 3.2: Life at school/college 3.3: Education post-16</p>
<p><b>What form will the mock exam take?</b></p> <p><b>(Please note the differences for Higher and Foundation tiers)</b></p>	<p><b>Paper 1: Listening</b> 50 marks; 45 minutes Section A: Questions and answers in English Section B: Questions and answers in Spanish</p>	<p><b>Paper 3: Reading</b> 60 marks; 60 minutes Section A: Questions and answers in English Section B: Questions and answers in Spanish Translation into English</p>	<p><b>Paper 4: Writing</b> 52 marks; 60 minutes Q1: 4 sentences to describe a photo Q2: 40-word answer Q3: Translation of a short paragraph into Spanish Q4: 90-word answer</p>
<p><b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b></p>	<p>'Super Structures' booklet for writing exam GCSE Spanish Knowledge Organiser for vocabulary practice All GCSE vocabulary on Quizlet Topic and grammar pods on GCSEPod BBC Bitesize – AQA GCSE Spanish</p>		
<p><b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b></p>	<p>Quizzing and self-quizzing using the materials provided. A quiet place to study Being tested on key vocabulary from relevant sections of the Knowledge Organiser Access to internet, laptop/phone/tablet for online practice.</p>		

Design and Technology		
<p><b>What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanisms; Gears, linkages, and the different motions.</li> <li>• Textiles; sustainable materials</li> <li>• Surface treatments applied to materials e.g. metal, woods, plastics (provide examples and why this is done)</li> <li>• Injection moulding, wood turning, die cutting of card; how does this work?</li> <li>• Why might different materials be modified to improve their properties e.g. wood, metal, polymers.</li> <li>• Different production aids; how and why might they be used in manufacturing.</li> <li>• Choose a designer and a product they have designed research into them; look at their inspiration, materials they use and the technology they use.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Understand each of these key words, what they mean and what are they about;</b>  A co-operative, Crowd funding, Fair trade, Virtual market.  Portable energy storage system  Planned obsolescence  Programmable microcontrollers  The 6 Rs of sustainability  Aesthetics  Ergonomics, Anthropometrics</p> <p><b>The maths element</b>—you may want to familiarise yourself with;  Calculating percentage loss/gain e.g. what is 2.3 as a percentage of 15...  Simple trigonometry; SOHCAHTOA (though often you will be able to draw this out accurately)</p>
<p><b>What form will the mock exam take?</b></p>	<p>1 paper  2 hours long  100 marks  A mixture of short and long answer questions that require the skills of analysis and evaluation in particular contexts.</p>	
<p><b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b></p>	<p>All students have received a Revision Guide and support booklets to aid them in their revision. They will continue to receive additional revision material such as practice questions in lesson, and a revision schedule</p>	
<p><b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b></p>	<p>Look at BBC Bitesize (<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm</a>)  Ask someone to test you on key terms and definition.  Practice long answer questions using past papers. Make use of GCSE pod, particularly linking to the key areas identified on the revision schedule.</p>	