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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 10 students,

Re. Update on Year 10 Mocks

I hope you and your families are well and safe. I know that these have been difficult times for us to contend with, whether that be distance from loved ones, family members and friends working on the frontline, adapting to working from home or trying to find essential items in the supermarkets. All of this has generated added stress to our everyday lives, but I wanted to reassure you that during these unfamiliar times, myself, Mr Duncan and subject teachers are still here for you and our year 10 students.

I have had wonderful emails and telephone calls with students and parents about how they are spending their time and how they are balancing their school work commitments. The resilience and determination towards this unique situation of parents, carers and students is very evident.

My main purpose for this letter is to send further clarification on Year 10 mocks which were originally scheduled to begin on Monday 20th April 2020. I hope the below comments addresses the questions that you have regarding year 10 mocks.

When will mocks be?

Year 10 mocks are currently **postponed** as stated in previous communication from Ms Hay. Due to the uncertainty on when schools will reopen, we cannot provide a definite date of when the mocks are rescheduled for. We will communicate a date as soon as we know to ensure that students have ample time to prepare for them. This will be dependent on when the government says we can reopen but it is likely that assessments will be shortly afterwards. The precise format, and timetable, will follow as soon as everything is confirmed.

What will mocks be on?

Mocks will be on all year 10 work so far. Staff will communicate in due course any specific content.

Should I keep revising?

Yes- regular revision is always recommended throughout the GCSE course – the effort you put in and resources you create now will certainly benefit. You want the knowledge to go into your long-term memory and so using this time to revisit past topics from your year 10 studies will assist in this greatly. If you create revision resources, be sure to store them in your revision folders as discussed in assemblies, as you will be able to use these in preparation for your mocks and your year 11 exams.



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How can I revise?

1. Specifications (Red, Amber, Green). Use it as a checklist of knowledge. **CCCS specifications**
link: <https://www.cooperscoborn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GCSE-Subjects.pdf>
2. **Mind maps**
3. **Flash cards**. You can include diagrams and colour.
4. **Seneca Learning**. A fantastic online revision platform. Mr Duncan has uploaded a link on the Google Classrooms for students to join which contains all subjects available that are studied at CCCS (exam board specific). The student link can also be found by clicking [here](#) or by your child inputting the following 'class code' at their log-in portal: 4ah1g45v0w
5. **Elevate ideas**. Your child should refer to the booklet they completed last term. Elevate are also hosting a webinar on '**how to help your child study effectively without becoming the enemy**'. This has just been announced and is on Tuesday 12th May at 6pm. If you are interested in joining please click on the link [HERE](#). Please note it is first come, first served and is a national link. If it is full, there may be more that they put on at a later date.
6. **Practice exam questions**. These can be found on the exam board website and in student textbooks.
7. **Retrieval practice**. Get someone to give you a topic and you recall all the information you know about that topic.
8. **Revision strategies**: Handout with details of some top revision strategies: [CLICK HERE](#)
9. **Parent pamphlets**. Please see below some links to excellent parental advice on revision methods and supporting your child in these:
 - a. Using flashcards to help revisit information: [CLICK HERE](#)
 - b. Cognitive load theory - [CLICK HERE](#)
10. **PiXL A3 revision jotter** – A revision template to print out and fill in to help 'upload' and 'process' information into long term memory - [CLICK HERE](#)

I hope that has answered the questions that you had regarding mocks. I completely understand that students are getting used to working independently and that access to the internet can be a barrier, however, do as much as you feel you need to whilst maintaining a balance with your mental wellbeing. Incorporate the revision into your daily routine using textbooks and exercise books if technology is an issue. Myself and Mr Duncan have been posting regular updates on the Year 10 Google Classroom and will continue to do so for the students to support and guide them. In addition, we will aim to send further parental communication shortly.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, hgb@cooperscoborn.co.uk if you have any further questions.

I wish you, your families and friends a healthy couple of weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely,

H. Johnson

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