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Dear Parents and Carers

With the enforced closure of the School, we have made the decision to run the Year 9 exams as a set of assignments at home. This will not reflect the real examination experience, however, it will allow your son to develop his examination technique and also provide some feedback to his teachers on his progress.

This type of assessment is often referred to as an "open book assessment" as the students can potentially look up answers etc. In order to maximise the benefit of these assessments we are requesting that students attempt the examination in the following way:

1. Attempt all questions without looking up the answers.
2. Once they have attempted all the questions the students should revisit the questions they could not answer. During stage 2 they are allowed access to their revision notes/books.
3. Students should complete the task in the specified time. We have added an additional 25% to the normal time allocation to allow for typing speed.

If your son already receives an additional 25% in time, please add this to the published allocated time.

All answers should be written in a separate word document or equivalent and submitted on Fronter in the specified subject area. It is important that students write their name and class teacher as a header or footer on each page submitted. The School recognises that it may not be possible to attempt every question on the exam e.g. labelling diagrams. However, wherever possible all questions should be attempted. eg for multiple choice questions write the answer rather than circling etc.

Where possible all answers should be submitted on the day the exam is scheduled to take place.

How will I access the exam papers?

The exam papers will be posted on Fronter and also the School website in the examination section no later than the day before the exam is scheduled. This will allow students time to download the examinations so they do not experience any difficulties with the internet.

A similar process has been followed with Year 10 and the following issues were identified:

My son cannot complete the assignments in line with the timetable?

The suggested timetable is a recommendation that we hope all students will be able to follow. We do not know your son's personal circumstances or if they are ill. The assignments can be completed at a later date and submitted.

My son can't access a computer at the specified time

Families are currently under increased pressure with perhaps parents working from home and other siblings off school. We recognise that this will place a significant strain on access to electronic devices where the exam can be completed. Where this issue applies, we would be grateful if all exams/assignments could be completed by Friday 1st May.



My son is struggling to download the exam from Fronter

Fronter is a learning platform that operates across the world and is under increased pressure. Exams will be posted on Fronter the day before the exam and will also be available on the School website so that they can be downloaded when there is less pressure on the system.

My son cannot upload his answers

Please try and upload your answers in the evening when there is less pressure on the system.

My son has left his books at school so is struggling to revise

All subjects have placed revision resources on Fronter that will support your son. Support websites are also published on the School website in the home learning section. For some of these websites students have their own individual passwords e.g. GCSE POD and Doodle.

I have attached a copy of the revision guidelines as previously published and also a copy of the exam timetable with the revised times to support your son through this process.

If you have any queries please contact the school. However, please be aware we are operating with a “skeleton” staff so responses may be slightly delayed.

Yours faithfully,

Brendan Gormally
Associate Headteacher

