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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 10 End of Year Exams 1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Today we have launched the End of Year exam process with your child. These exams will take place in most subjects between 1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June. Students will come home today with a support booklet that includes the exam timetable, revision strategies and a support page for each subject.

Students will be sitting their Core and EBacc subjects in the Roy Moore Sports Hall. This will mirror the exam process in Year 11, so students get used to invigilators, the expectations and getting 'exam ready'. By Year 11, this process is then automatic, and students can focus on excelling in their exam. Please read with your child the JQC (Joint Council for Qualifications) examination regulations and procedures so that they are aware of what is expected. The Class of 2029 have been excellent at following the JQC regulations in their academic journey so far and we look forward to that continuing. The remaining subjects will be sat in the classroom in normal lesson time. Each subject has outlined a consistent number of revision lesson(s) prior to each exam to ensure parity for all classes.

We have created a blended approach to homework for Year 10 during the exam period. This means students will have some compulsory homework to support revision, but a reduced amount to normal. This means that they have built into their homework additional revision time where they have autonomy over what to study and when. Revision should be an ongoing process throughout the GCSE years to ensure they are retaining the knowledge required for their exams in the summer of 2027.

If your child misses an assessment due to illness, there will be a catch-up opportunity in the next lesson they are back in school. These will be done in departments, which means that the next lesson in that subject will be an opportunity for them to complete the assessment.

Results will be shared through a report and celebration afternoon in July with set changes and tutor group changes taking place in September.

A summary of how you can support your child with these important assessments is shown below, along with the support we offer at school and the guidance we have given students today in assembly.

### **Wrap-around support**

Every adult at the Academies will work with your child to be successful and help bring out the best in them. They have a dedicated tutor, Head of Year, Pastoral Lead, a vast array of subject teachers, and Head of Departments. We also implement exam access arrangements for those that qualify for extra time and readers in their core exams. If you have any questions or your child requires further support, please contact us at [classof2029@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:classof2029@avonbourneacademy.org.uk)

I will write to you again when the results are released to give you more details of the celebration afternoon and the key messages that we will be giving to students.

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**Executive Principal:** Michelle Dyer

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Yours sincerely,

**Tom Kidman**  
**Assistant Principal**

### **How can you support with End of Year exams at home?**

- 100% attendance – a student who is in school and learning will have access to the whole curriculum and there will not be gaps in their knowledge
- Homework completion – homework consolidates the knowledge and understanding that has taken place in lessons, allowing students to practice, independently, the skills that are needed for success
- Discuss the Mid-Year Assessment Support Pack with your child – this document not only contains the assessment timetable but details the topics and resources needed to be successful in the assessments. Use these as a guide to help revisit topics and use as a checklist to be prepared
- Support your child to make (and stick to!) a revision timetable

### **What support do we provide?**

- Clear information about the assessment process
- Subject support pages
- In-lesson revision sessions before the assessments
- Teach students how to revise and prepare for assessments outside of class time
- Revision videos and materials to be accessed outside of class time
- A dedicated pastoral, tutor and staff team that want to support your child to be successful and have a positive experience
- Explain to students the normal feeling of 'exam stress', strategies to support wellbeing, and where to seek further support if required
- An afternoon celebration event focusing on progress that the children have made

### **How can my child prepare for the End of Year exams?**

- Attend school and work hard in lessons
- Carefully read through the subject support pages in the support booklet
- Watch any pre-recorded revision videos and utilise the revision materials provided
- Use knowledge organisers and complete Seneca assignments