



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parents,

## Year 10 Practice Exams – June 2021

I am writing to you to inform you that Year 10 will be taking a series of Practice GCSE Examinations during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Students will sit their examinations in the school hall or an allocated room under exam conditions. The timetable is attached and is also available on our website here - <https://www.burscoughprioryacademy.org/parents/letters-home>

The examinations will be carried out in line with Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) regulations, as they will be when students complete their final GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11. A copy of these regulations is attached with this letter.

This exam practice is important for a number of reasons:

- to ensure that our students are able to experience the rigour of an examination season
- to motivate and make sure that our students have the experience of preparing appropriately, completing and reflecting on performance following an examination
- to allow students who are eligible for exam concessions to learn how to use them effectively
- for teachers and students to identify gaps in learning and misconceptions

You will already be aware that fewer and fewer subjects have a large coursework element, and that there is an ever-increasing importance placed upon final examinations. We cannot stress enough and we know that you will reinforce how important these practice exams are and how seriously they should be taken.

During the exam week we expect students to bring revision material for use in lessons when no exams are scheduled. This is generally Lesson 3, in between the morning and afternoon sessions.

If we have students who are self-isolating during this examination period, alternative arrangements will be made for them to sit the papers which may include them being completed at home. If this is necessary, further instructions and information will be given.





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Please also be aware that we will do everything we can to support your son/daughter through this exam period whilst also ensuring their engagement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or at [enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org)

Yours faithfully,

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