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Dear Parent,

Year 10 Practice Examinations – April 2025

We are writing to you to inform you that Year 10 will be taking a series of Practice GCSE Examinations commencing on the week beginning 15 April for nine school days. Students will sit their examinations in the school hall or an allocated room under exam conditions. The timetable available on our website here [Year 10 Practice Exam timetable](#). The exams will be sat under the rules and regulations set out by the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications).

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. The exams are a crucial time for students to practice good working habits and learn how to work and revise at home independently. We advise that short, regular revision sessions will have a significantly positive impact on student outcomes.

After the examinations, on Tuesday 6 May, the students will be on their agreed work experience placement. They will return to school on Monday 12 May at 8.45am.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or at enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

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