

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 10 students,

**Arrangements for Year 10 Examinations, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

As part of the GCSE/Level 2 courses sat by each of our students, we have 'Internal Exams' at various stages of the two-year course. We treat these exams as though they were the 'real thing' that will follow in April - June of next year. These exams help students to understand how exams work and the types of questions they will need to answer as well as ensuring that our students are extremely well prepared for what is to come next year.

For each of our Year 10 students, we have arranged their first GCSE style Internal Practice Exams that will take place between **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**. These are practice papers that will also be sat by students across our Trust in Bedminster Down School, Wellsway, IKB, Clevedon and Chilton Trinity Schools. The exam papers will use GCSE style questions and formats. The results of these exams set by our school will **not** count towards their final marks, they are for practice.

**Revision:**

To help students be organised and well-prepared we have provided a website for Year 10 showing them all the information they need to prepare. The link for this is here: [Exam Revision Website](#). This can also be found via the '[Exams](#)' section of our school website.

We recommend at least 40 minutes at a time, 5 times a week of revision for the next 5 weeks or so. If students do this then they will feel well-prepared and calm for the practice exams in April/May.

Some very good general revision advice can be found by clicking [here](#).

Your child's exam timetable will be available via MCAS and will be published well in advance of the exams via the '[Exam](#)' page of our website.

**The Importance of Rules:**

The rules and regulations used in the examinations next year are strict and very rigorously applied. I have attached [a presentation here explaining this fully](#). We will use these regulations in their complete form so that students understand precisely how they need to behave. To not meet these rules can mean **full disqualification** from exams which is extremely serious and must be avoided. We feel it is particularly important to draw your attention to the examples of malpractice listed below:

- \* **Any action** that involves an attempt to communicate with another candidate or disturbs them.
- \* Carrying a prohibited electronic device or watch of **any** type into the exam (such as a mobile phone, even if switched off and not used) or attempting to access one during a rest break.
- \* Any attempt to cheat in the exam, including the use of notes written on skin, clothing or concealed materials such as paper.

The full [exam board rules can be found here](#).

We have many years of experience guiding students towards excellent outcomes at SBL Academy and within the Futura Learning Partnership. We are clear that the advice we have offered here, if followed, will

lead to very pleasing outcomes for our students. We strongly recommend that each family considers how they can support their child in the weeks ahead to get into good habits and to feel well prepared.

Please contact your child's Tutor or House Team in the event that you wish to discuss any matter at all and they will be pleased to help.

Good luck and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S White', written in a cursive style.

Mr S White  
Deputy Headteacher