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Dear parents/carers,

## RE: Year 10 Pre Public Examinations

As we come to the end of the external live examination we transition to the Year 10 pre public written examinations. These start next week on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and will last for two weeks. We will follow all the normal rules and regulations that apply in the official examinations. Please refer to the examination handbook available on the website

<https://www.barnhill.school/page/?title=Exam+Handbook&pid=72> and go through this with your child. This exam season gives the students a realistic experience of what the external exams will be like. It will provide students with the opportunity to develop their practice for their final exams.

Year 10 student's exams will take place in the official venue such as the sports hall. This experience will expose students to the process and regulations they will undergo in their final GCSE examinations in 2027, and will help them to familiarise themselves with what to expect. The majority of the exams will take place in the morning or the afternoon, which means that some exams will finish after our normal end of school time. Please check your child's individual timetable and make the necessary arrangements for them to get home safely.

Please note, the grades achieved in the year 10 PPEs, alongside in class assessments will also be used for any potential moves in subjects for the start of year 11 and determine class sets in year 11. Therefore it is imperative that the students prepare fully and achieve their very best. Results from these assessments will be uploaded onto Go 4 Schools for students and parents to access and reflect. We will notify you when you can access the results.

I am sure you will agree that parents play a crucial role in their child's education and we would encourage our parents to support our students to prepare for these exams. A revision schedule is always useful, as is a quiet and tidy area for them to do their revision. Most research suggests that when parents actively discuss the learning with their children and engage in their education, then the outcomes and progress for students is far better than expected, often exceeding expectations.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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