



# Beaumont School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, Year 10 students are due to sit their formal end of year examinations after the Easter holiday. I am writing to inform you of the changes we will be implementing to improve the experience for our students and to strengthen the role that they play in preparing students for their final exams in Year 11.

1. The Year 10 exam series will run for 9 school days, with exams running from **Friday 26 April to Thursday 09 May 2024** inclusive.
2. By lengthening the week, and by moving the exam series forward in the academic year, we will reduce the number of exams scheduled in a day from three to two, unless there is an unavoidable clash. In addition to reducing the pressure on students, this model will bring this exam period closer in structure to the mock and public examinations they will sit in Year 11.
3. Students are expected to be in school for the duration of the period and will **not** have any study leave, in accordance with guidance from the Department for Education for students of their age. The usual school timetable will continue so students must attend their lessons as normal if they are not due to sit an exam. Departments may choose to deliver revision lessons during this period but this will be decided by the relevant Head of Department who will judge what is best for their cohort of students and in the context of their course.
4. Exams will be supervised by external invigilators and students will therefore be properly introduced to how they are to conduct themselves for their future public examinations.
5. Arrangements have been made to accommodate the requirements for students eligible for **exam access arrangements (EAA)**. If your child is eligible for EAA you will receive a letter to detail what these are and how to apply this in their exams. We are required to record students' usage of these arrangements as evidence that this is their normal way of working so that we can make a formal application in due course. This is an opportunity for students to experience their access arrangements in a format as close as possible to their final exams.

We are confident that it will be a productive and worthwhile experience for students as they progress through KS4. We are in the process of finalising the exam timetable and departments will publish full information to students on Google Classroom in due course. In addition to this, we will continue our work within the pastoral curriculum to support students in embedding effective revision strategies and time management.





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As a reminder, Year 10 Consultation Evening is taking place later this week on Thursday 07 March 2024. We look forward to discussing your child's progress and supporting them towards these examinations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Gray  
Assistant Headteacher

