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Study Skills Seminars for Year 10, April 30th 2010 & Modular Examinations

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the success of the study skills seminars run for Year 10 in previous years, we have organised a half day seminar from the same company to deliver a similar programme for the current year 10 students.

This will give students detailed advice on preparation for examinations, in developing revision skills and programmes and in organising their time. This is in preparation for the summer examinations in Year 10. The seminar has been highly reviewed by previous Year 10 students, who have found it motivating and practical in recommending strategies and tips for approaching the coming examinations. These cover aspects of health and wellbeing as well as approaches to academic work. I hope that an early appreciation of some techniques and sources of support will help ensure that your son/daughter has a smooth path with a successful outcome.

We are conscious that an improvement in study skills should as far as possible not be at the expense of missing any lessons. On Friday 30th April the school has a staff training day. This gives us an opportunity to use the larger school areas and to hold the seminars without interruption to any lessons.

Those in forms 10 Ashworth, Dolbe and Keats will attend the morning session, from 9.30am to 12.00noon and then will be free to leave school and study at home for the rest of the day. Students in forms 10 Lamb, Latymer and Wyatt will attend the afternoon session, from 1.00pm until 3.30pm. There will be no provision for lunch at school on that day.

The study skills seminars will take place in the Great Hall and the Sixth Form Study Room. Ashworth and half of Dolbe will be in the Sixth Form Study Room in the morning, Lamb and the first half of the alphabet of Latymer in the afternoon. Others will be in the Great Hall. Students should arrive in good time to enable a prompt start and should wear school uniform. The school will bear the cost, so there is no charge to students for these seminars.

We will be building on the skills covered in these seminars to support students in the rest of the GCSE course.

We have been teaching the new modular GCSE course in most subjects this year and have adjusted the modules and coursework timings slightly as the year has progressed. Please see the attached sheet as a reminder and update of the timing of the externally assessed aspects of the course. Where the modular examinations are within the time of the Year 10 examination period these will be timetabled to fit the internal examination programme. Where a Year 10 modular examination falls on an afternoon outside the usual examination period students will be allowed the morning of the day of the examination as study leave. No other time outside the Year 10 examination period will be allocated to study leave.

All modular examinations entered in Year 10 will be at the higher level paper where relevant.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Beskeen
Deputy Head – Curriculum



Coursework & Controlled Assignment Deadlines 2009/10: Year 10

All dates are approximate. The subject teachers will inform the pupils of the specific deadlines and the pupils should write these in their planners.

Subject	Completion deadline
Autumn Term	
English (<i>20th Century Play</i>) Drama (<i>Improvisation</i>) Art (<i>Project1</i>) Media (Unit 4) English (<i>media</i>) Science ISA	3 rd November Week of 7 th December 26 th February Writing 23 rd November 3 rd November Date depends on group
Spring Term	
Art (<i>Project 2</i>) Drama (<i>Practical 2</i>) Geography CA1 (20 hours) English (<i>Creative writing</i>) Media (<i>CA2 work in progress</i>) Science ISA	October Half term Week of 22 nd March 26 th March Spread throughout the term Practical 25 th Jan; Portfolio 8 th Feb Date depends on group
Summer Term	
Media Drama (<i>Practical 3</i>) English (<i>Creative writing</i>) Science ISA PE Business Studies CA	Production deadline: w/b 21 st June Week of 12 th July 7 th June Date depends on group 28 th June 28 th June

Controlled Assignments done in class in Year 10:	Science, Geography, Business Studies
Coursework done in Year 10:	English, Art, Media, Drama, PE
No formal coursework or controlled assignments in these subjects:	Modern Foreign Languages, Latin, Maths and RE

External GCSE Modular Examinations Summer Term	
Business Studies Module 1	28th May pm
Product Design Module 1	7th June am
History Module1	9 th June am
History module 2	15 th June pm
Biology module 1	9 th June pm
Chemistry Module 1	16 th June am
Physics Module 1	24th June pm