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Dear Parent/Carer,

## RE: Year 10 GCSE Preparation

I hope this email finds your family safe and well and you all had a lovely half-term break. I am emailing to update you with the plans for GCSE preparation and our plan for year 10 mock assessments.

Due to the difficult times we have been in over the last year, we have made the decision to hold the year 10 end of year assessment until after the summer break. We have formulated a plan to ensure that year 10 students have sufficient time to prepare properly for these assessments, both in school and at home. To allow students to treat this process seriously the mock assessments will be held after the summer holidays and start the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The timetable of mock assessments will be shared with you and year 10 students before the end of term so students can prepare a revision timetable. To assist with this, Mr Payne and I will also be going through exam and revision technique in assemblies and teachers will be gearing their teaching to support with this preparation.

We intend to give students plenty of support in preparing for their GCSE assessments and intend to hold multiple rounds of formal assessments over the course of year 11. Therefore, it is worth noting that these will not be the only formal internal assessments that students will be expected to sit, and we will have a further exam period closer to the Christmas break. These exams will allow staff to gain an accurate picture of where each student is in each subject. Given the uncertainty that has occurred around GCSE and A Level grades over the past two years, we do not know for certain what exams will look like for year 10 students and as such I would urge students to treat this process seriously. It is also worth noting that the more opportunities that students have to practise sitting formal examinations the more confident they become and the more prepared we are for next year's exam season.

This information has been shared with all year 10 students via their year 10 Teams page so please ask them to check this location too.

Please email me if you have any questions on [francesca.joseph@sirthomasfremantle.org](mailto:francesca.joseph@sirthomasfremantle.org).

Yours faithfully,

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