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Dear Parents / Carers

## Year 10 Updates

### Year 10 Mock Examinations

We are approaching the first series of Year 10 mock examinations which will be held between Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Pupils will have received their mock examination timetables during Form Time on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and this will also be available on the school website.

The mock examinations will cover the full breadth of the content that has already been taught up to May Half Term. Mock examinations will not include topics that are yet to be taught. In the build-up to the mock examinations, Year 10 will have a series of “how to” assemblies based on proven revision strategies that we know, from experience, increase our pupil’s retention of key knowledge. The assemblies will be focused on practical strategies that pupils can use at home. Furthermore, staff will be sharing the best revision strategies for pupils in their lessons over the coming weeks.

It is your child’s responsibility to ensure that they are revising at home. It is imperative that pupils take these mock examinations seriously. There are several useful sections on the school website dedicated to revision and study techniques; these can be found here:  
<https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/revision-resources/>

As you know, staff regularly run catch up sessions for pupils in need of some additional support and staff will also be running revision sessions after school to help prepare your child for their mock examinations. We thank you for encouraging your child to attend. Staff will use stickers in pupil planners to book pupils in for specific Catch Up or Revision sessions.

### GCSE Statistics Examination

Further to this, I would like to inform you that your child will be sitting their GCSE examination for Statistics (Foundation Tier) this summer. Dates listed below:

Paper 1 Foundation Tier	Tuesday 14 June	Afternoon	1h 30m
Paper 2 Foundation Tier	Friday 24 June	Morning	1h 30m

It is vital that you are aware that attendance to all external exams, including these, is essential. The examinations board schedule the dates and times of the exams. These are not changeable.



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Pupils have been preparing for this exam during their Maths lessons and additional support is available to them every Thursday after school in B214 from 3.10pm – 4.15pm.

To further prepare your child for their exam, pupils will spend two days off timetable with their Statistics teacher. Pupils will also work with their English teachers on these days to prepare for, and be assessed on, the speaking and listening assessment necessary for their GCSE in English Language. The dates are as follows:

	<b>Statistics</b>	<b>English Language Speaking &amp; Listening</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10X	10Y&Z
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10Y&Z	10X
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10X	10Y&Z
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10Y&Z	10X

Revision guides and workbooks are available as a pair on Wisepay at a cost of £6.50 which, once purchased, can be collected from their Maths teacher. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will be provided with these books.

Advanced information for this summer's external exams can be found here:  
<https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Advance-Notice-Links.pdf>.

The document provided by the exam board details which topics are going to be assessed on each of the Statistics papers and will help your child to prioritise their revision in the weeks leading up to their exams.

If you have any questions, please contact [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



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