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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly well done to our Year 10 students who, following the third RE GCSE paper last Tuesday, have now completed their first GCSE.

Work Experience

We are delighted that the overwhelming majority of students have been able to secure a work experience placement for next week. We very much hope that students will take photos of their placements and send them to careers@northleamington.co.uk

Preparing for the work placement: Students have been encouraged to make contact with their placement prior to the 12.6.23 start date so they can be clear on the times they will be expected to attend and what they should wear.

During the placement: Students have been provided with a work experience diary (attached to the letter) that they should complete during their placement. This includes requesting feedback from their placement contact as well as from their parents. Their reflections on the placement experience as well as the views of the placement contact and parents form valuable feedback for future employment.

It is important that students remember they are not only representing themselves but their parents and the school whilst on their placement. It is important to appreciate that it may be challenging for students at times, and that challenges can play an important part in their experiences of the world of work by helping them to develop key employability skills.

If there is any reason why a student cannot attend their placement on any of the days, they must do **both** of the following:

- a. Contact their placement first thing, by 8.30am, and let them know.
- b. Contact school to say why.
 - If they are ill, depending on their attendance history, they may need to provide medical evidence to the school in order for us to authorise the absence.
 - If they are not ill then students must attend school in school uniform and go to student services and ask for Mrs O'Donnell

Students who haven't secured a placement: Students who have not been successful in securing a placement will be expected to attend school for normal school hours, in full school uniform. For these students we have arranged a range of virtual work experiences as well as talks/interactive experiences from a range of local employers. There will be a separate work experience booklet that they will complete.

Y10 Progression Exams

Students in Year 10 have been preparing diligently for their terminal examinations in RE over the last few months. These three examination papers represent one GCSE grade and an opportunity to gain some 'currency' towards the total grade expectations, for their inevitable chosen destination Post 16. This is very much the starting point, as we have a number of mock examinations windows to come, across a range of subjects, in the next twelve months.

Mock examinations can be an anxious time for students, but they are very important part of the process in assessing understanding and to help students become more confident under exam time

pressure. It is always advisable to take them seriously and to prepare fully. Students will receive feedback on what they have done well and areas they still need to work on, reviewing key skills or topics that will help students remember more and be even more successful on full terminal papers, around this time, next year.

We would like to share with you the Progression Mock Examinations timetable, which starts on the 26th June along with information communicated to students. Students have received teaching in Core Subjects and their chosen Option Subjects for the last two years, so it is crucial students get a chance to demonstrate what they know.

Students will be aware, and have been preparing in lessons through retrieval activities to build their knowledge, of what they will be facing in terms of the specific details of each exam.

We wish every student the best of luck in showing everything they have learnt when they put pen to paper, on the following dates:

- Students will receive a personalised timetable with seat numbers/rooms in June.
- Morning exams – please go to the canteen at 8:45am.
- Afternoon exams – students eat lunch at 12.20pm in their normal allocated area and then report to the canteen at 12:50pm. The exception to this is Textiles where students should go straight to the classroom.
- All rules for all mock examinations **must** be followed in the same way as the RE Examinations. Students must have their own equipment.
- All students not in assessments will go to normal lessons. These may need to be re-roomed in some cases and this information will be sent out via tutors and placed on the exam noticeboards.
- Once an assessment is complete and students are dismissed, then students should return to normal timetabled lessons or breaks.

	Mon 26th June	Tues 27th June	Weds 28th June	Thurs 29th June	Fri 30th June
09:00	No Exam	Y10 English Language (1h45)	Y10 Food (1h)	Y10 Business (1h45)	No Exam
13:00	Y10 History (1h45)	Y10 Spanish Writing (F: 1h H:1h15)	Y10 Drama (1h45)	Y10 Science (1h30)	No Exam
	Mon 3rd Jul	Tues 4th July	Weds 5th July	Thurs 6th July	Friday 7th July
09:00	No Exam	Y10 Maths - Calculator (2h)	Y10 Computing (1h30)	Y10 Geography (1h30)	Y10 French and German Writing (F: 1h H:1h15)
13:00	Y10 French and German Listening & Reading (F:1h20 H:1h45)	Y10 Design (1h)	Y10 Spanish Listening & Reading (F:1h20 H:1h45)	Y10 Media (1h30)	Y10 PE (1h) Y10 Textiles (2h)

Preparation for Year 11

The structure of Year 11 is very different to Years 7-10. This is the chance to come back, refreshed and ready to take on the pressures of the Year with even more support structures in place. Students will have a new Form Tutor, and have revision slots built into Tutor time, over the year, to support with short-term targets in subjects. Assemblies will guide students through the Rhythm of the Year, with information shared well in advance regarding Mock Examination windows, revision opportunities and preparation for the Prom. It is worth noting that although a significant number of students are always invited to the Prom each year, the expectations on attendance, behaviour and attitude have to be met, to achieve an official invite.

We will continue to share more information with you before the end of Term.

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