



# CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Mock Examinations – Aim High, Reach for the Sky, No Limits!**

We hope that you and your family are well at this time.

To support Year 10 in continuing to prepare for their GCSE English Language and GCSE Biology examinations at the end of this academic year, students will be participating in another mock examination.

### **Mock Examination Dates:**

GCSE English Language- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (AM)

GCSE Biology- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (PM)

Mock examinations are an important part of Year 10 as they help to identify student progress and understanding, identifying gaps for future learning as well as providing students with further examination experience ahead of their summer examinations.

Students will complete 1 examination paper for Biology which will be 1 hour and 45 minutes and English Language will also be 1 hour and 45 minutes.

The additional revision booklet will support students in preparing for these mock exams and will outline the following:

- Topics covered in the assessments
- Which sections should be completed in the revision materials and workbooks
- How the books should be used
- What further revision can be completed

Please use this booklet and the revision materials provided on Class Charts and in lessons to prepare for these exams. Keep them safe as this is a valuable resource. It will also be sent electronically to all students. You can also access them via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2spkf3nw>

We recognise that sometimes the assessment season can cause some students to feel anxious or stressed and will be providing students with off-timetable revision days with subject teachers as well as sessions with an external company called 'Positively you' to help them in developing revision strategies that work for them.

Please support your child in attending the Biology and English Language Period 6 sessions which are on Week B Thursday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm for English Language and Week A Wednesday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm for Biology. These sessions are crucial as we begin the 15-school week countdown to the examinations.



We want mock examinations to be a positive experience that supports and develops the skills and resilience in preparation for future examinations. If students are not successful in their mock examinations they will be selected to resit, after being provided with guidance on how to improve to ensure students have a positive experience. If you need any further support, guidance or information please do not hesitate in contacting us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and a huge well done to all those students who have started so well in Year 10 and have continued to work hard and demonstrate that they are truly made for greatness.

Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully



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