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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 Taster Days and Examination Week: Monday 18th June – Friday 29th June at the Upper School

We will be inviting Year 10 for a taster day on Monday 18th June at the Upper School. This day will provide students an opportunity to practice their journey to and from school and provide an orientation around the upper school. This will be followed up with further taster days on Wednesday 4th July and Thursday 5th July.

From Tuesday 19th June we will be examining all Year 10 students in all of their subjects at the Upper School. This will provide students with an opportunity to practice GCSE papers under examination conditions as well as assess their progress after their first full Year of Key Stage 4 courses at Helenswood Academy. The schedule for the examinations will be sent to students after the half term break but students should start preparing for them now.

The examinations will be held in the Main hall, Gym and smaller rooms. Please note that formal examination conditions will be observed and all students are expected to adhere to these regulations:

- Pencil cases should be transparent
- Water bottles are only permitted with the labels removed
- Mobile telephones and other electronic devices must not be brought into the examination hall
- No talking in the examination halls/rooms

In addition the following stationery items are required:

- Two or three black working ballpoint pens (not gel)
- One lead pencil
- One ruler
- One eraser
- One scientific calculator
- One protractor
- One pair of compasses

Subject teachers have been preparing students in Year 10 with revision, practice questions and examination techniques during the lessons leading up to these examinations. Please support your child by ensuring they are punctual to school each day, to ensure the best possible start and that they do not miss the start of a morning examination session.



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Students should spend time over the next few weeks revising and preparing for these very important examinations. They will be an excellent indicator of the progress they have made during Year 10 and excellent preparation for the rigour of Year 11 examinations.

Please can you check that your child manages their independent study and revision time effectively, limiting the use of social media, for example, so as to maximise learning.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C Connor', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Connor
Vice Principal