

## **Parents' Newsletter (Exams) - June 18, 2020**

### **Mock Exams for Year 10 and Year 12**

Year 10 Exams will commence on Wednesday, June 26 and end on Wednesday, July 1. The full examination timetable is available here:

<https://utcn.org.uk/sites/default/files/fields/page/documents/Y10%20Mock%20Exam%20Timetable%20covid19%20update%20v3.pdf>

Year 12 exams will commence on Thursday, June 27 and end on Wednesday, July 1. The full examination timetable is available here:

<https://utcn.org.uk/sites/default/files/fields/page/documents/Y12%20Mock%20Exam%20Timetable%20covid%2019%20update%20v2.pdf>

### **When will I get the exam papers?**

The examination papers have now been collected by our courier and will arrive with you today or tomorrow. They will come in a grey plastic envelope and will be posted through your letterbox.

### **What is the point of these exams?**

Given the disruption to your child's normal education, these exams provide an excellent opportunity for your son/daughter to find out what they know and what they don't know and need to work further on. They will also provide your child's teachers with this information and will allow them to tailor future teaching effectively.

### **Should my child be revising now?**

Yes!

### **Will other schoolwork be set during the exam period?**

No. Online lessons - and classwork (set through Show my Homework) - will stop for the duration of the exam period. Welfare calls will also temporarily cease so that we don't interrupt the exams.

### **Do these exams count?**

These exams are important but do not count towards GCSE or A Level grades. They are an opportunity to find out where your son/daughter is academically so they we can all begin to address gaps in their learning.

### **As a parent, should I invigilate the exams?**

Students will get out of these exams what they put into them. If they cheat, they - and their teachers - won't find out what they know and what they don't know. Hence, we would encourage all students to take a serious and professional approach to these exams. Students will get the most out of these exams if their experience is as similar as possible to school-based exams. We would, therefore, suggest:

- Exam papers are only given out at the appropriate time on the exam schedule
- Exam are sat in a quiet room without music, the internet or schoolbooks
- Exam papers are collected at the end of each exam

### **My child has special exam access arrangements**

If your child has exam access arrangements such as a reader, scribe, laptop or reader pen, Mrs Jarvis will have been in contact with you. If your child is eligible for extra time or rest breaks, you will have been asked to include these in your arrangements for home supervision of the mock timetable.

If you have any queries or feel your child has any educational, social, emotional or mental health needs that would prevent them from completing these mock exams under home supervision and you feel you would require additional school support, please contact Mrs Jarvis on [sarah.jarvis@utcn.org.uk](mailto:sarah.jarvis@utcn.org.uk)

### **Do I need to follow the given exam timetable?**

This provides a useful guide but, if it suits family circumstances better, please feel free to modify the plan.

#### **What if the exam papers do not arrive?**

If you have not had the exam papers by Monday, June 22, please contact: [office@utc.org.uk](mailto:office@utc.org.uk)

#### **When will the papers be collected?**

Completed papers will be collected from students' homes by courier on July 2 and July 3 for marking.

#### **Do I have to be in when the papers are collected?**

We will let you know an approximate collection day and time next week. You can leave the papers in the enclosed envelope for collection outside your house if you would prefer.

#### **When will we get the results for the exams?**

Online or face-to-face one-to-one meetings with teachers to get results and feedback after the exams will take place in the week commencing July 13 (the last week of term). Guidance will be given to enable students to catch-up on any gaps in learning ready for the next academic year.

**Mr A Hayes**  
**Headteacher**

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#### **Dates for your Diary**

Please look on the UTCN webpage for the Parents Calendar which is updated regularly.  
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