

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I am writing to you in relation to your son/daughter's progress and achievement at a time when our current Year 11 cohort would traditionally start completing their final GCSE exams with us. Within a year's time it will be your child sitting such exams and preparing to leave NUSA.

In order to assess the skills and knowledge your child has acquired and identify any gaps, we intend to run a series of mock examinations. These are due to take place between **11th– 21st May 2020** and, given the current lockdown restrictions, may well need to be completed at home.

Completing all of these exams is vital. We need a thorough understanding of the gaps in all students knowledge acquired over the past two years of their courses, so that on a return to school, we can hit the ground running with ensuring we have covered all necessary areas ready for Summer 2021.

Please check the examination timetable below which outlines the time and days our exams need to be completed. Sitting down with your child and highlighting the exams that they will need to complete would be beneficial. Please also help ensure that exams are completed in exam conditions. No revision materials or mobile phones should be permitted during an exam. Exams should be sat in a room with quiet conditions where possible and have a clock to help time the duration of the exam.

We are preparing all exams in a Microsoft Word format that can be typed on. PDF formats will also be available, both will be circulated via Microsoft Teams. Papers will also be made accessible on the school website for downloading onto your home device. Completed papers should be saved and emailed back to individual class teachers. E-mail addresses will be made available on each exam paper for you to do so. Further information in relation to this will follow.

For those of you who do not have access to suitable IT equipment, paper copies will be made available. Please email: Miss Jordan (hjordan@nusa.org.uk) to request this by **Sunday 3rd May** so we can prepare all of the exams and resources needed in advance.

If you have requested paper copies of your exams you will need to collect all your papers from our school reception in one visit on **Thursday 7th May** between **9am and 12pm**.

Please could students return all completed exams to reception in one visit on **Friday 22nd May** between **9am and 12pm**.

During collection and return of the exam papers please bear in mind current advice in relation to 'social distancing'. Exam papers will not be available for collection or return at any time outside of this window. If you are currently self-isolating as a family, please let Miss Jordan know on the email above so that we can arrange for the exams to be posted to you.

If your child requires extra support as part of any examination process please contact Ms A Wall (awall@nusa.org.uk) for advice. We are already aware of who we feel requires extra help and additional time/ resources. Ms Wall will be contacting you with further information in due course.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and remind you of the importance of ensuring your child accesses the learning materials that have already been provided. Please ensure your child completes work and emails responses to their teachers on an ongoing basis. We are here, ready and keen to help.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mr S. Schmidt
Head of Achievement

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable May 2020

WK1	Monday 11/05/2020	Tuesday 12/05/2020	Wednesday 13/05/2020	Thursday 14/05/2020	Friday 15/05/2020
9:00 AM	English paper 1 (2hr)	Science paper 1 - Chemistry (1hr)		Maths paper 1 (1hr30)	
Lunch					
1:30 PM	10W GCSE Sport paper 1 (1hr) 10W Business paper 1 (1hr)	10X BTEC Sport paper 1 (1hr30) 10X Geography paper 1 (1hr30) 10X History paper 1 & 2 (2hr)	10Y BTEC Sport paper 1 (1hr30) 10Y Geography paper 1 (1hr30) 10Y Business paper 1 (1hr) 10Y Childcare paper 1 (1hr)	10Z Geography paper 1 (1hr30) 10Z History paper 1 & 2 (2hr) 10Z Catering & Hospitality paper 1 (1hr30) 10Z Drama paper 1 (1hr)	
WK2	Monday 18/05/2020	Tuesday 19/05/2020	Wednesday 20/05/2020	Thursday 21/05/2020	Friday 22/05/2020
9:00 AM		Science paper 2 - Physics (1hr)		Maths paper 2 (1hr30)	Take paper copies into school: 9am-12pm (where applicable)
Lunch					
1:30 PM	10W Engineering Design paper 1 (1hr) 10W Catering & Hospitality paper 1 (1hr30)	10X Geography paper 2 (1hr30) 10X Media Studies paper 1 (1hr30) 10X Spanish paper 1 (1hr)	10Y Geography paper 2 (1hr30) 10Y Creative I-Media paper 1 (1hr15) 10Y Spanish paper 1 (1hr)	10Z Geography paper 2 (1hr30) 10Z Engineering Design paper 1 (1hr) 10Z Psychology paper 1 (1hr30) 10Z Spanish paper 1 (1hr)	

