



# ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share several important updates regarding Mock Exams, Work Experience, and upcoming College Taster Days. As this is a particularly busy time for Year 10 students, please take a moment to share and discuss the following with your child.

## Mock Examinations

**Year 10 mock exams will take place from Monday 12 May to Thursday 3 July.** These assessments are an important opportunity for students to experience formal exam conditions and receive valuable feedback in preparation for Year 11.

The majority of exams will be held during the final two weeks of Term 5 and the first week of Term 6. A full mock exam timetable is attached at the end of this letter.

Please also note that *Spanish and French speaking mock exams* will run from *Monday 30 June to Thursday 3 July*. Students will be informed of their individual timings by their class teacher.

To support preparation for the mock exams, students should begin revising using the resources shared with them by their subject teachers, who will also outline what content will be covered in each exam. Students are reminded to use the revision guide starter pack they received last term, which includes a range of revision techniques and helpful advice. A good starting point is to go through the attached mock exam timetable and **highlight which exams are scheduled on each day**, so students can be organised and prepare accordingly.

We understand that the cost of revision resources can be significant and in support of this we have created a Revision Guide Library in the Year 10 Pastoral Office. Students can borrow revision resources from any subject area to help them in preparation for their mock exams, and for the rest of their GCSE studies.

## Work Experience

We are pleased to confirm that all Year 10 students will take part in work experience week from **Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June**. During this week, students are not scheduled to take any mock exams. Students will attend their placements full-time and gain valuable insights into working life. Staff will visit students during the week to offer support and check on their progress.

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In preparation, please ensure your child has contacted their **work experience employer directly** to confirm:

- Where to go on the first day
- Working times
- Lunch arrangements
- Dress code

Employer contact details can be found on your child's [Careers East Sussex](#) account. Please can all students contact their work experience employer before **Monday 2 June 2025**.

As a parent/carer you can support your child by:

- Helping to plan travel arrangements
- Checking they are dressed appropriately
- Assisting with contacting the employer
- Providing lunch or lunch money

*Any queries about work experience week please contact our Careers Advisor Mrs Earl via [jearl@stcatherines.college](mailto:jearl@stcatherines.college)*

### **College Taster Days**

Year 10 students are encouraged to sign up for taster days at all of the colleges that they are interested in attending. These are fantastic opportunities to explore post-16 options.

Whilst post-16 providers offer a range of dates, it is very important that you only sign up for the dates allocated to St Catherine's College – please do not register for any other dates, as they are not approved, and colleges will not permit entry.

Here are the confirmed dates allocated for St Catherine's College, and booking links:

- *Bexhill College*
  - Tuesday 9 July 2025
  - [Book here](#)
- *East Sussex College Group*
  - Hastings – Thursday 19 June
  - Eastbourne – Tuesday 1 July
  - Lewes/Newhaven – Wednesday 2 July
  - [Book here for all campuses](#)
- *Plumpton College*
  - Tuesday 8 July
  - [Book here](#)

- *DV8 Sussex (Brighton & Bexhill Campuses)*
  - Wednesday 9 July, 4–7pm
  - [Book here](#)
- *Seaford Head Sixth Form*
  - Friday 20 June
  - [Book here](#)

Once you have booked your place on all the taster days your child will attend, a parent/carer **must complete this consent form** to authorise your child's absence from school.

*Any queries about college taster days please contact our Careers Advisor, Mrs O'Connor via [goconnor@stcatherines.college](mailto:goconnor@stcatherines.college)*

We encourage all students to take full advantage of these opportunities and approach them with positivity and an open mind.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Howe  
Head of Year 10

## Year 10 Mock Timetable 2025:

Week A	Mon 12, May	Tues 13 May	Wed 14 May	Thurs 15 May	Fri 16 May
Lesson 1				History B	
Lesson 2				Biology P half	Biology Q half
Lesson 3		Food and Cookery C	History B		Biology P half
Lesson 4		History A	Maths (Paper 2 Calculator)	Biology Q half	Maths (Paper 3 Calculator)
Lesson 5	History B	History A	<b>SPORTS HALL</b>	History A	<b>SPORTS HALL</b>

Week B	Mon 19 May	Tues 20 May	Wed 21 May	Thurs 22 May	Fri 23 May
Lesson 1	Geography A	Chemistry P half	Maths Q half	Physics Q half	History C Computer Science C
Lesson 2		Chemistry Q half	Maths P half Physics Q half	Geography B Spanish B (Listening) French B (Listening)	
Lesson 3	Maths P half	Geography A Food and Cookery A		Food and Cookery A	Physics P half
Lesson 4	Maths Q half Chemistry P half	DT C History C Geography C	Physics P half	English Literature <b>SPORTS HALL</b>	English Language <b>SPORTS HALL</b>
Lesson 5	Chemistry Q half		Geography B		<small>Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows.</small>

### HALF TERM BREAK

Week A	Mon 2 June	Tues 3 June	Wed 4 June	Thurs 5 June	Fri 6 June
Lesson 1	Life Skills Lesson	Life Skills Lesson	Life Skills Lesson	Life Skills Lesson	Life Skills Lesson
Lesson 2					
Lesson 3		Computer Science C			
Lesson 4		Computer Science A	Spanish (Writing) French (Writing)		
Lesson 5	Spanish (Reading) French (Reading)		RE P half	Computer Science A	RE Q half

Week B	Mon 9 June	Tues 10 June	Wed 11 June	Thurs 12 June	Fri 13 June
Lesson 1	Art  All day	3D design  All day			Drama  All day <small>Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows.</small>
Lesson 2					
Lesson 3					
Lesson 4					
Lesson 5					