



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Year 10,

Year 10 Trial Examinations (Timetable and Revision topic lists)

I write to now provide you and your child with a copy of the year 10 trial examinations timetable along with revision topic lists to support their independent study. Year 10 trial exams will officially start for all students on **Monday 27th April**.

The purpose of these exams is not only to prepare students for the feel of what to expect in the actual exams, but also to give subject teachers an opportunity to make an assessment of what your child is capable of achieving under exam conditions. We ask for your support in ensuring that they take these exams seriously and conduct adequate amounts of revision and study at home. Please see a copy of the timetable on the third page of this letter. All exams take place in the Sports Hall under strict exam conditions. A copy of the exam procedures and an equipment checklist can be found on page 4.

Students are expected to attend school to complete their exams. All students must remain on school site. Where students do not have a timetabled exam, they must go to their normal classroom, and this will be used as a directed study.

We welcome your support to help your child prepare a sensible and realistic revision timetable and suggest about **two hours of revision per night**. You will receive the results following the examinations in the next academic report issued to parents on Friday 12th June 2026.

Attached to this letter is a copy of **revision topic lists** for each subject. Students will be tested on GCSE content that has been taught up to April of this year. Some subject teachers have already uploaded revision materials on MS Teams and will continue to do so as we approach exams. Please note that we have also given each student a hardcopy of the timetable and revision topic lists. An electronic copy of these documents will also be available to them on MS Teams. This is also intended to help you as parents to support your child with checking they are covering the right content.

In the run up to the trial exams your child should be completing the following proactive revision tasks at home;

- ✓ Reading through class notes
- ✓ Creating mind maps and extra revision notes on each chapter of the specification (all exam specifications can be accessed online)
- ✓ Self-assessing confidence against the specification
- ✓ Highlighting notes

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- ✓ Preparing revision flashcards and mind maps for each chapter of the specification
- ✓ Writing exam answers under timed conditions
- ✓ Reading model answers
- ✓ Rewriting model answers or rewriting marked work to make improvements
- ✓ Using past paper questions and planning answers
- ✓ Listen to online lessons and topic revision videos on YouTube
- ✓ Marking your own work to a mark scheme
- ✓ Studying mark schemes or examiners reports (these can be accessed by the exam board website)
- ✓ Comparing model answers against your own work

This can be a very stressful time for students as we approach exams. “Young Minds” have launched advice for parents about supporting their children. Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal but also offer support and solutions where possible. Anxiety is often worst at night, and this means it is useful to encourage a good bedtime routine.

Link to [Beths Grammar School Curriculum Maps](#)

Link to [Study Support booklet with Exam specifications and links to past papers](#)

Thank you in advance for your support. I wish all students every success with their upcoming trial exams. If you have any questions or queries, then please email me directly using the email address mrmcbeth@beths.bexley.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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YEAR 10 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

APRIL 2026

Students should be on school site no later than 8.20am every morning for exams.

Session 1 Exams will begin promptly at **9 am**. Students will start walking into the hall at 8.45am
Session 2 Exams will begin promptly at **11.15am**. Students will start walking into the hall at 11.05am
Session 3 Exams will begin promptly at **1.30pm**. Students will start walking into the hall at 1.15pm.

Doors will close 5 minutes before the official start of the exam.

Where students have an exam clash, the date and time for their exam will appear on their individual exam timetable.

Date	Session 1 Exams 9 am Start	Session 2 Exams 11.15 am start	Session 3 Exams 13.30 pm start
Monday 27 th April	English Language (1hr 45)	Music (Room P1)	Engineering (1hr 30) DT (2hrs)
Tuesday 28 th April	Biology (1hr 45)	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	Computer Science (1hr 30)
Wednesday 29 th April	Mathematics Paper1 (non-calculator) (1hr 30)	Business (1hr 45)	Geography (1hr 30) Ancient History (2hrs) History (2hrs)
Thursday 30 th April	English Literature (1hr 45)	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	All MFL (2hrs)
Friday 1 st May	Chemistry (1hr 45)	Sociology (1hr 45) Statistics (1hr 30) PE (1hr 30)	Economics (1hr 45)
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY			
Tuesday 6 th May	Physics (1hr 45)	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	Psychology (1hr 45)
Wednesday 7 th May	Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator) (1hr 30)	Religious Studies (1hr 30)	Geology (1hr 30)

EXAM PROTOCOL AND ADVICE

Please be advised of the following exam procedures which all students must follow:

- Arrive on time and fully prepared with the correct equipment – pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, and calculator (where required).
- Ensure all equipment is stored in a **clear pencil case or plastic bag**.
- students **must not** take into the examination room any unauthorised materials or equipment which might give them an unfair advantage such as notes, calculator cases/instruction leaflets, bags, mobile phones/tablets/ MP3 players/watches.
- All wrist watches must be removed.
- Students may have a clear water bottle with a 'sports top', to prevent any spillages (labels must be removed from the bottle).
- All students must be punctual for exams.
- On entering the exam hall there must be complete **silence at all times**. Student caught talking will be disqualified from the exam under new JCQ regulations.
- All exams must be written in **black ink**.
- No correction fluid or pen erasers should be used; if you make a mistake, cross it out with a single line and start again.
- Students must bring their **student lanyard and pass to every exam**. This will act as proof of identification in accordance with JCQ regulations.

To help you support your son with revision for his exams, I would encourage him to spend time over the next few weeks completing the following *proactive* revision and study tasks for each of his subjects;

- ✓ Reading through class notes
- ✓ Creating mind maps and extra revision notes on each chapter of the specification (all exam specifications can be accessed online)
- ✓ Self-assessing confidence against the specification
- ✓ Highlighting notes
- ✓ Writing exam answers under timed conditions
- ✓ Reading model answers
- ✓ Rewriting model answers or rewriting marked work to make improvements
- ✓ Using past paper questions and planning answers
- ✓ Marking your own work to a mark scheme
- ✓ Studying mark schemes or examiners reports (these can be accessed by the exam board website)

EXAM EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST
Ensure your child arrives fully equipped for their exams. Equipment needs to be in a see-through plastic transparent pencil case.
<u>ESSENTIAL ITEMS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2X Black ink or ball point pens (no gel pens or blue ink are permitted)• 2X HB pencils• Pencil sharpener• Rubber• 30CM Clear plastic ruler• Scientific calculator• Compass• Protractor• Set square• Highlighter pen