



19 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: March option subject mock exams**

All year 10 students will sit mock exams in their **option subjects** in the week commencing **Monday 6 March**. These are the most significant exams they have had in these subjects to date. They will provide evidence about how they are progressing and what they can realistically aim for at the end of year 11.

We want to ensure that students are as well prepared as possible so that the exams accurately reflect their progress to date. The exams are scheduled very close together, as they will be in just over one year's time when they take their GCSEs. This is designed to highlight the need to plan revision in advance and manage time effectively so that your child is ready for exams in quick succession. Students will **not** have exams in the core subjects (English, maths and science) at this time as we believe it would be too much to manage revising for all subjects in one sitting. Core subject mock exams will take place in the second half of the summer term.

If you would like more guidance on how to support your child studying, please go to the school website: [Soham Village College - Study Skills & Homework \(sohamvc.org\)](http://sohamvc.org) and open up the study skills guide. This details strategies to use as well as videos about how to approach revision.

Students will be told what they need to revise and where they can find resources by their class teachers.

**Timetables will be issued in the week before half term with exact times and locations.**

Exams will be no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

Each student's option block can be found by looking at the name of their class on their timetable.

If you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

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