

Tuesday 20th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: Year 10 Exam Skills Sessions**

We are acutely aware that the closure of the school as a result of Covid-19 will have had an impact on your child's learning and we are committed to ensuring that we bridge any gaps or make up for any lost learning now that we have returned to school. As your child is in Year 10 and is beginning their journey towards their GCSEs, it is all the more important that we are able to rely upon your full support in your child's education.

Therefore, from Monday 2nd November we will be introducing Exam Skills sessions after school every week. These Exam Skills sessions are aimed to ensure your child is best prepared for their GCSE exams in summer 2022 and the sessions will focus on a mixture of revision, exam paper practice and coursework completion. Attendance to all Exam Skills sessions is compulsory for all Year 10 students studying Art, Drama, Music (GCSE and Btec) and RS, and non-attendance will be dealt with using our behaviour policy. However, we anticipate that we will receive your full support in ensuring your child attends all their Exam Skills sessions.

These Exam Skills sessions will continue until the end of year 10. They are part of our commitment to ensuring your child achieves the best GCSE grades.

The following Exam Skills sessions are taking place as shown below.

Day	Exam Skills Subject focus	Timings
Mondays	Art	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesdays	Music Btec Music GCSE	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursdays	Religious Studies (operating on rotation with Pathways A/B students attending week 1 and Pathways C/D students attending week 2)	2.40pm - 3.40pm
Friday	Drama	1.00pm - 2.00pm

We would encourage you to ensure you provide your child with a healthy snack such as a piece of

fruit to have as a quick snack at the end of the day to ensure they are able to concentrate fully in the Exam Skills sessions.

If your child has a detention on any of the days they are required to attend intervention, they will need to complete the detention before joining the intervention class.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding Exam Skills sessions, please email me at [caralarkin@hackneynewschoolcst.org](mailto:caralarkin@hackneynewschoolcst.org)

Yours sincerely,

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