

21st May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Year 10 nears the end of the academic year and students prepare to move into Year 11, it is essential that they continue to prepare for next year's final GCSE examinations.

To support and prepare your son/daughter for these exams, we will be holding their first set of mock examinations beginning on 9th June. The examination timetable (attached to the back of this letter) will include assessments in most GCSE subjects.

Students will also be working with their tutors on effective revision techniques, including:

- Creating revision timetables
- Using revision flashcards
- Producing mind maps
- Practising exam-style questions

To help students succeed, staff are working through exam papers and revision activities in lessons. Students should also revise at home by:

- Completing exam questions
- Finishing online homework tasks
- Using revision flashcards
- Making comprehensive notes in their exercise books

To give students a realistic experience of the exam period, results will be sent home during the final week of term. Any students who have concerns or worries regarding their results should contact their Head of Year so that a meeting can be arranged before the summer holiday. This will help ensure that all students feel confident and prepared to begin Year 11 positively in September.

Further advice on supporting your child with revision can be found on the school website:

Revision guidance for parents – <https://www.sdcc.net/page/?title=Revision+Guidance&pid=190>

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Top 10 Tips to Support Your Child with Revision

1. **Be a role model**

Support your child by asking questions, reading through their notes and listening to them explain their learning.

2. **Help them set goals**

Encourage them to keep their goals or revision planner visible, for example displayed on their bedroom wall, and discuss their progress regularly.

3. **Keep them active**

Encourage daily physical activity to support wellbeing and concentration.

4. **Encourage healthy eating**

Eating a healthy breakfast and staying hydrated can improve energy levels, alertness and concentration during revision and exams.

5. **Promote time out**

Encourage your child to build regular breaks and relaxation into their weekly routine.

6. **Support healthy sleep patterns**

Young people need between 8 and 9 hours of sleep each night.

7. **Encourage unplugging from technology**

Help your child switch off from phones and screens at least 30 minutes to 1 hour before bedtime.

8. **Help them stay calm and balanced**

Encourage a healthy balance between academic work and other activities throughout the week.

9. **Build belief and confidence**

Offer praise and positive reinforcement to help maintain motivation.

10. **Be supportive**

Reassurance and encouragement from home can make a significant difference.

These mock examinations are the first major step in preparing students for their GCSE examinations in Year 11 and are an important milestone in their academic journey.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your son/daughter's tutor or Head of Year.

Yours faithfully



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Deputy Headteacher

Year 10 Stoke Damerel Community College June/July 2026 Mock Exam Timetable

B WEEK	9:00	11:35	14:00
Tuesday 9th June	Catering Practical 2hrs 10B - FN1 & 10C - FN3		
Wednesday 10th June	Catering Practical 2hrs 10B - FN1 & 10C - FN3		
Thursday 11th June		Catering Practical 2hrs 10B & 10N - FN1	

Monday 15th June	Media - VA6 (No Invigilator)		
Tuesday 16th June	English Literature 1hr 45mins		Hospitality & Catering 1hr 20mins
Wednesday 17th June	Maths P1 1hr 30mins	French & Spanish Listening FT - 45mins HT - 1hr	Computer Science P1 1hr 30mins
Thursday 18th June	Science Biology 1hr 15mins Separate Biology 1hr 45mins	French, Spanish & Persian Reading FT - 45mins HT - 1hr - 12:00	
Friday 19th June		Business 1hr 45mins	

B WEEK	9:00	11:35	14:00
Monday 22nd June	Science Chemistry 1hr 15mins Separate Chemistry 1hr 45mins		Computer Science P2 1hr
Tuesday 23rd June	Maths P2 1hr 30mins		Geography 1hr 30mins
Wednesday 24th June	English Language 1hr 45mins		History P1 1hr 20mins
Thursday 25th June	Science Physics 1hr 15mins Separate Physics 1hr 45mins		French, Spanish & Persian Writing FT- 1hr 15mins HT- 1hr 20mins
Friday 26th June	Maths P3 1hr 30mins		

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Wednesday 1st July	Photography - VA1 & Art - VA4		