



**Blessed Robert Sutton**

Catholic Voluntary Academy

11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 10 Examination Period**

Pupils in Year 10 will undertake their annual period of examinations between Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Please see the reverse of this letter for the full examination timetable.

It is the expectation of the school that students prepare fully for these assessments by revising the work they have undertaken in class prior to the examination. The Year 10 exams provide the school, the pupil and the family with the best possible insight into the progress being made towards the final assessments in Year 11.

Families can and should play an active role in helping pupils prepare for these important tests. For example, parents and carers might:

- Help students create a revision timetable which clearly identifies time at home when the student will revise.
- Ensure students revise little and often. It is rarely appropriate for students to revise for more than 30 minutes without taking a mental break. For some students, revising more often, but for an even shorter period of time, may be preferential.
- Limiting students' 'screen time' and non-academic use of the internet at home during and prior to the exam period.
- Providing students with a quiet place to revise which is free from distractions.
- Testing students on what they have learnt on both a daily and cumulative basis, i.e. quizzing them on what they have revised that day, as well as in the previous days.
- Keeping students fed and hydrated during their time revising.
- Importantly, somehow **rewarding** students when they have met your expectations regarding revision!

Should you require any further information about the examination period, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Blackham (Examinations Officer) at the school, or the individual teacher should your query relate to one subject in particular.

We look forward to sharing the individual students' results with you following the examination period.

Yours faithfully,

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