**May year 10 and 12 Examinations**  March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At St Joseph’s we are committed to helping every child achieve their potential.  As part of this process all Year 10 and 12 students will be sitting a full set of subject exams in the weeks of the 2nd of May and the 9th of May.

It is important that all students are fully prepared for these examinations, as they will be used to inform staff and pupils of progress towards their GCSE and A Level target grades. The results will also be analysed to highlight any areas of weakness that need to be addressed. All students are encouraged to include an appropriate balance between revision and leisure in the run up to these exam weeks.

To help with preparation, students will receive:

* an exam timetable,
* a revision plan timetable,
* links to support revision for each subject,
* materials for revision from their class teacher.

Students in Year 10 will have a special assembly on the 1st of April where we will discuss exam procedures and share revision and exam preparation materials with them. Students will receive a preparation planner to help them map out their revision work, alongside a weekly homework booklet that shows them what work they need to complete each week in the build up to the assessments. The links to these documents will be shared with you through the parent weekly email.

Please encourage your child to persevere with their studies, support them with their exam preparations and try their best. We know from experience that students who invest time wisely and take control of their learning and revision perform better in their final examinations.

Students must bring a black pen, pencil, rubber and ruler to each exam. They must also bring a calculator to exams where it is required. We expect students to behave as they will in the summer exams and it is essential that they do not communicate in any way with other students in the exam room. Students must not have on them a mobile phone, a watch or any notes/paper.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. McGuinness

**Assistant Headteacher**