



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL, ABERGAVENNY

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KS4 Information Evening FAQs 23 September 2021

Will the KS4 Information Evening presentation be shared?

Yes, the presentation can be located [here](#).

What are the dates for Parents Evening?

Dates are provided within the [information booklet](#), they are:

- ✓ Year 10 parents' evening is 17 March 2022
- ✓ Year 11 Parents' evening is 7 October 2021

This year we will be using 'School Cloud' which is an online platform that will enable you to talk to staff from your home, in a safe and private virtual room. This removes the worry that due to COVID-19 it could be postponed. All information regarding School Cloud will be shared in advance of any parents' evening.

What information has been shared by the school?

Staff have created a series of videos which have been put into a presentation (Prezi). The videos explain what you can expect from each subject during Year 10 and Year 11 in relation to assessments and examinations. This can be located [here](#).

We have also shared an information booklet that explains the course content for Year 10 and Year 11 subjects, with revision links and tips. This booklet can be located [here](#).

Do all student know how to access Google classroom?

Yes, all students know how to access and use Google Classroom (GC). Each GC is used to set work and share resources on a regular basis. GC is also used to share lesson resources in case students are unwell and need to catch up on work or if students would like to recap previous work. Further information can be accessed [here](#).

If your child is self-isolating due to COVID-19, how will they take an exam?

We have not received clarification on this yet, however the exam boards will share this information with us at a later date. We are assuming it will follow the same process as if someone is ill on the day of an exam. When we receive this information we will share it with students/parents/guardians.

What are the subject adaptations?

These are changes to the subject course content or non-examined assessments due to the impact of Covid-19. These adaptations will only affect students sitting GCSE examinations during 2021/22. All the latest adaptations can be located [here](#). Currently there is no information on subject adaptations for GCSEs to be taken summer 2023. If there are any published changes we shall then share these with you.

What is a Walking Talking Mock?

These are supportive mock exams that students sit just before their real exams. During these walking talking mocks staff will ask students to complete an exam question, then they will 'walk and talk' them through modelled answers so students understand how to achieve full marks. Our students report these are very useful and provide not only understanding but that little bit of extra confidence before the real thing. When we publish the final exam timetable for your child, these Walking Talking Mocks will be labelled WTMs. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends these.

What exams will Year 10 students be taking this year?

Currently, nearly all Year 10 students will sit their English Literature GCSE in the summer 2022 and GCSE science modular units that account for 45% of their final GCSE. For those students following vocational courses they will undertake unit exams during the year. A few identified students will sit their Maths GCSE in summer 2022. We shall provide a prompt update if there are changes to our entry strategy.

If you do not achieve the grade you wanted to in Year 10, is there an opportunity to re-sit?

We do not recommend re-sits as this can cause an additional burden of too many exams in year 11. Our mantra is that students work hard to achieve their full potential first time round.

Do students in Year 10 need a copy of Mice and Men?

We recommend students have their own copy of Mice and Men as they will be annotating these during lessons. We do have spare copies and have given a number of books out. It is important students have their own copy to annotate thus promoting their understanding of this text. For further information please contact the school via our email Info@khs.schools.edu.org.uk F.A.O L Flynn KS4 Leader of English.

Do Science recommend any specific books for revision?

Our students have access to a wide variety of resources in Science that have been broken down into specific topics to help with their revision and understanding. Comprehensive resources, including those found upon Educake and within Google Classroom, are best suited to student needs when revising for their exams. The link to all science revision resources can be found [here](#).

What other revision resources are available?

All subjects have put a list of links to revision resources. These links are found in the [information booklet](#).