

Year 10 Practice Exams Student (and Parent) Briefing

Firstly – be aware that there is a booklet of information about how exams works at LGS [at the link here](#). Although it doesn't shape everything we're doing for these exams, **some** of it applies to Assessment Week because we'll replicate **some** of the JCQ Guidance.



When...
are these
assessments?

- From Monday 24th April (mornings) to Friday 5th May.
- You will have study leave from Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 5th May.
- You will be back in lessons from period 1 on Tuesday 9th May (Monday 8th is a Bank Holiday)

Why...
are we doing them?
Do... they matter?

- To help your learning! You'll get a good sense of what do and don't know after taking the practice exams and your teachers will too ...
- To give you an experience of multiple exams on the same day, in different rooms to your classroom (or the main hall) – which inevitably creates a little more pressure.

What...
is different from any
previous set of
assessments?

- Each exam is quite short: – only 1 x 90 minutes of exam-question based work per subject.
- You'll be expected to behave in line with some of the normal JCQ Guidance:
 - You can't access your phone (leave it in your bag)...
 - ...or any watches (smart, digital or analogue) – leave them in your bag
 - You must have a transparent water bottle.
 - Any pens / pencils / equipment that you need for the exam need to be in a transparent bag / pencil case on your desk.

Where...
are these
assessments?

- They are mainly happening in the main hall and dance studio, with other students in 122, 123, 702 and 005.

What...
If I have access
arrangements in
places?

- If you have extra time, or supervised rest breaks your exams will be in Room 005.

How... will my
valuables be looked
after?

- Please congregate **outside** the Sports Centre reception. Be mindful of students moving to lessons.
- You must leave your bags in wire mesh cases, labelled by House colour. Use the most appropriate cage. During the exam you will not be able to access them. You must not leave your bags anywhere else around the school!
- Mobile phones, valuables and watches should be given in at the Sports Centre reception. They will go into a freezer bag and you'll get a raffle ticket. The freezer bags will go into coloured boxes (your house colour) and stored away securely during the exam. You can collect them from the main school reception after the exam, in exchange for that raffle ticket.

Do...
we have study leave?

- Yes. If you have no exams you can remain at home.
- You need to arrive in school up to 15 minutes before your first assessment each day

Where...
can I go after my
EXAMS?

If you have no more exams:

- you are free to leave school and must sign out. For larger exams signing out sheets will be at Sports Centre reception. If no-one is there, please go to Student Support instead.
- If it is break / lunch, you can join the rest of school to eat outside as normal.

If you have a longer break between exams, you must stay in school. We will direct you to study spaces each day:

- For small groups of students, you'll be directed to work in the library;
- For larger groups, you'll go your normal lesson rooms.
- If you have an exam during break or lunch, you'll will have access to early break/lunch at either 10:20 or 12:30 respectively.
- ** Information about venues to study will be available each day on digital screens. **


What...
happens if my miss
an exam

FIRST:

- Contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Muckley.

WHEN YOU RETURN:

- Your paper will be returned to the subject leader.
- They will give you the paper to do at a later date either (1) at home, (2) supervised in school by the subject team
- The subject leader will use their professional judgement to decide if the data is used to inform a professional prediction. This will vary



from subject to subject – depending on the type of questions asked and where the paper is completed.

Study Venues and Timings

Tuesday 2nd May

- P2: Computing + History students: back into lessons
- P3: History (not doing computing) into the library
- P4: History students to lessons.

Wednesday 3rd May

- P2: Drama, Music and PE students back into lessons
- P3: PE students to the library
- P4: PE students continue in the library.

Thursday 4th May

- P2: All students back into lessons
- P4: Religious Studies students into lunch after the end of the MFL exam.

Friday 5th May

- P2: Geography and DT students back into lessons.
 - P3: DT students (not doing geography) to the library.
 - P4: DT students continue in the library.
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