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Dear Parent/Carer

We have just completed the second and final paper for the GCSE beliefs and values exams and I'm delighted to say how well the students in year 10 have conducted themselves. We have seen plenty of evidence of preparation for these exams and I'm very proud of how they have approached this. I trust that they will receive results in August which will mirror their efforts and for these to be nothing less than they deserve, given their hard work and perseverance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of a period of end of year exams in their remaining subjects from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June. Now that the pressure of the GCSE exam is over, we would like to shift our focus to these tests. They are not external exams but an opportunity for us as a school to start year 11 with an indicator of progress and performance. We will then begin to consider strategies for intervention and support which would be relevant to those students who require it.

The exams will be run in a similar manner to those mock exams which students sit from the end of November and in March of their year 11 course. It is therefore good practice for them in managing their time and efforts over a sustained period of time. We have found this immensely beneficial to our current cohort of year 11s as they have entered this exam period with experience of the demands of the exam season. Therefore I am writing to share with you the timetable for the end of year 10 exams next month. The timetable is attached with this letter.

We have high expectations of this year group because of the mature and diligent approach they took to their GCSE in Religious Studies. These next exams will be a challenge, but we are confident that with our support and yours they are going to do extremely well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Tingley Leader of Year 10











