

Dear Year 10 Parent,

### Important Dates – Year 10

I thought it was important to update you with key dates affecting your son or daughter this year as they are coming to the end of their first year of their GCSE courses. Due to changes made by the Welsh Assembly Government regarding Early Exam Entry Policies, we have made the decision that no Year 10 student will complete any of their courses this year and all final exams will take place at the end of Year 11. .

Your child will only be entered for individual units which will contribute to their overall GCSE grade next year. Although students will have the opportunity to re-sit units, it is extremely important that they do all they can this year to be successful in these exams. Please see below the exams and key dates for Year 10 students this academic year. *Further to this, please be aware that your child will be entered for the Numeracy GCSE in November 2018.*

For further information on any of these, please contact the Director of Learning for that Faculty, with their emails within the table below.

Date	Exam	Further Details
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	<b>Construction Exam Unit: Construction Technology “Construction and the Built Environment.”</b>	Worth 25% of overall grade. <a href="mailto:wejones@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk">wejones@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk</a>
Friday 22nd May 2018	<b>English Literature Unit 1 Exam</b>	Pupils will be assessed on: Section A: Of Mice and Men Section B: Unseen Poetry There will be an opportunity to re-sit in January <a href="mailto:kturner@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk">kturner@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk</a>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Double Biology 1 Exam Triple Biology Exam (Cells &amp; Ecosystems)</b>	Each triple module counts for 45% of a triple grade. For double award science the three exams collectively count for 45% of the double award grade. <a href="mailto:klwadden@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk">klwadden@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk</a>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>History Exam: Germany Transition 1919- 39</b>	This exam is worth 25% of the overall grade. BBC Bitesize Revision site for this course can be found on this link: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zssgy4j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zssgy4j</a> <b>- Please note this is different to the old Germany in Transition module which covers 1929-47</b> <a href="mailto:swhogg@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk">swhogg@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk</a>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Health &amp; Social Unit 2 Exam: Human Growth and Development.</b>	This is an exam worth 40% of the overall grade. Pupils will need to revise the following: 1) Human Growth and Development 2) The factors affecting growth and development 3) The development of self-concept 4) Life changes and care services <a href="mailto:escudamore@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk">escudamore@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk</a>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Double Chemistry 1 Exam Triple Chemistry Exam (Chemical Substances)</b>	Each triple module counts for 45% of a triple grade. For double award science the three exams collectively count for 45% of the double award grade. <a href="mailto:klwadden@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk">klwadden@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk</a>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Double Physics 1 Exam Triple Physics Exam (Electricity &amp; Energy)</b>	Each triple module counts for 45% of a triple grade. For double award science the three exams collectively count for 45% of the double award grade. <a href="mailto:klwadden@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk">klwadden@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk</a>

## Key Dates:

Date	Event	Further Details
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	<i>Year 10 Parents' Evening</i>	<i>Only for subjects where there are exams in Year 10; English, Science, Construction, Health &amp; Social and History.</i>
End of April	<i>Whole Cohort Numeracy PPE (Mock Exam)</i>	<i>This is part of the Consortium wide initiative in preparation for pupils to have their first chance at sitting the Numeracy GCSE paper in the November window.</i>
W.B. Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<i>Year 10 Pre Public Exams commence (mocks)</i>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<i>Year 10 Parents' Evening</i>	<i>For subjects not being externally assessed this year.</i>

To alleviate some pressure and stress, please encourage your child to begin their revision for their upcoming exams now as their mark will contribute to their final GCSE grade.

Some ideas include;

- 1) **Create a Revision Timetable** – A blank timetable has been emailed to your son/daughter.
- 2) **Use GCSEPod** – This is an online, interactive revision tool for each subject. All students have accounts for this app. It can be used online, on iPads, tablets and mobile devices. This is revision on the go!  
<https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- 3) **Complete past papers** – Students can ask their teachers for past papers to complete. This will boost your child's confidence as they will know what to expect on the day of the exam.
- 4) **Create a past paper** (WJEC Website) – You can use this website to create a past paper for your son/daughter. <http://www.wjec.co.uk/question-bank/>
- 5) **Attend revision sessions** – Students should now be asking their teachers if there are any revision sessions being delivered for them to attend and receive the personalised support needed for them to succeed in their exams.
- 6) **Science Revision Links:** <https://www.bangor.ac.uk/ccm/gcserevision> (Bangor University).  
<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zrkw2hv> (BBC Bitesize – WJEC specific site: Please be careful as this does not highlight the triple topics, it combines them). PPEs will be completed in preparation for these exams and students will receive revision packs.
- 7) **Maths Revision:** Pupils can attend revision sessions after-school on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays where they can gain the personalised support needed for success in the Numeracy GCSE in November. **For further information, please contact [rmelbourne@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk](mailto:rmelbourne@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk)**

I hope you have found this overview of key dates useful. Please do not hesitate to make contact with the subject teacher / Director of Learning should you have any further questions about the nature or format of any of the assessments mentioned here.

Yours faithfully

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