

Y10 Teach and Meet Questions answered

Please find below some feedback to questions raised at the recent Year 10 Teach and Meet from Claire Jones - cjones@yht.wales

Query - Request for more information for Y10 parents regarding GCSE exams and courses, the percentage breakdowns of GCSE courses (exams, NEAs), which exams are mocks/which are external GCSEs.

Feedback - The only external exams Year 10 pupils will sit this academic year are:

- English Literature *Of Mice and Men* and a Poetry exam which is worth 40% of their course. They will sit the rest for English Literature and Language in Year 11.
- Science exam information:

Double Science

This has 7 units:

- 3 exams at the end of year 10 - Biology, Physics and Chemistry. (45% of the course)
- 2 practical exams Jan/Feb year 11 (10% of the course)
- 3 exams at the end of year 11 - Biology, Physics and Chemistry.
- Pupils can re-sit any of their year 10 exams in Year 11 and keep the highest score.
- Exam can be at Foundation (highest grade possible is a C) or higher which goes up to A*
- **The grade is totalled across the 3 subjects so pupils achieve AB or BB or BC etc**

Triple Science

Pupils sit the same number of exams but they have more content and the exams are longer.

They also complete 3 different practical assessments for each science.

They receive a final grade for each science separately.

Query - Consistent and specific tasks set by teacher to support relevant revision for Y10 exams as opposed to 'revise'.

Feedback. I will share this feedback with staff and ensure they clarify specific tasks for the pupils to focus their revision time. Please note to check class charts or Google Classroom for these tasks.

Query - Provide an opportunity for Year 10 to hear about what the Sixth form offers so that they have something to aim for.

Feedback. I will invite our sixth form pupils and HOY into our Y10 assemblies to share this with them.

Many thanks,

Claire Jones