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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to acknowledge and celebrate the excellent conduct and self-management of our Year 10 students during their practice exam period. After what has been a challenging year, with time spent learning at home and lots of disruption to their lives due to the pandemic, staff were delighted at how maturely they approached the exams. They demonstrated resilience and kindness to one another by respecting silence in the exam room and trying extremely hard with their first formal practice exam season, which will be an excellent trial run for the real thing next year. We hope that this has given them valuable experience of what sitting exams feels like and that it will support them to feel accustomed to an exam environment ready for Year 11.

Next Wednesday, you will be receiving your child's summer report, which will include information on their practice exam results and their overall progress and commitment to learning. Now that we have this information from teachers of Year 10, we are already planning how we can support students next term and in the coming months, so that they can achieve their full potential in Year 11.

Over the summer, it would be a good idea for your child to work on a few short revision tasks, such as mind-mapping topics, designing quizzes to test themselves on or making flash cards that others can test them on and intersperse these with their holiday activities, as this will help them to keep their learning fresh and support long-term knowledge retention (we would, however, encourage lots of down-time!). Their teachers will guide them in this or set manageable homework that facilitates revision. Your child may wish to refer back to the materials Mrs Mason shared before the exams on how to revise effectively, or they can go to this website to give them ideas for how to revise/learn material:

[Downloadable Materials — The Learning Scientists](#)

We wish all of Year 10 a restful summer break and look forward to seeing them back for Year 11 in September!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Greenwood
Head of School

