

14th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 10 Assessments

I would like to start this letter by congratulating Year 10 on the progress they have made thus far in their study of GCSE subjects, they have demonstrated our school values of endeavour and professionalism in how well they have adjusted to the Key Stage 4 curriculum.

Year 10 Assessments will be held between 21st - 28th April, 2023. It is important that students understand these are not mock examinations and should not be treated as such. All of these assessments will be one hour in length, and will therefore not be the full length of a GCSE examination paper. The topics in these assessments will be shared with students prior to the assessment.

The assessments will be conducted in the Sports Hall, to give students an important opportunity to experience examination routines, but their primary purpose will be to inform students about their strengths and areas of development to support their teachers in long and short-term planning.

Once these assessments are marked and moderated, students will have a full lesson to gain feedback and complete their own feedback and reflection form. Attached is a copy of the timetable so that students are aware of when each assessment is on. Students will remain in school throughout the course of the assessment period and will be in normal lessons if they do not have a timetabled assessment.

I appreciate that some students may experience anxiety surrounding these assessments. Please reassure them that they will also be prepared for these assessments in lessons and in tutorial sessions where support will be given to students in developing their study skills, organising their revision timetable effectively and developing different and effective ways to revise. The tutorial programme will also focus on managing students' wellbeing, with a number of sessions being on mental and physical wellbeing and dealing with assessment-related anxieties.

Should you have any further questions with regard to the Year 10 Assessments, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 10 pastoral team.

Yours faithfully



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