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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Re: Year 8 Synoptic Assessments

I would like to start this letter by congratulating Year 8 on the progress they have made this year. They have demonstrated our school values of endeavour and professionalism in both their engagement to learning in the classroom and their completion of preparation and consolidation tasks at home.

After half term, Year 8 students are completing their Synoptic Assessments in most subjects between Monday 8th June and Friday 19th June 2026. These assessments will happen within their normal lessons. The specific dates of assessments and topics assessed will be shared with students in advance via Google Classroom by their teachers.

Synoptic Assessments are more detailed pieces of assessment, designed to test students' knowledge and application of the knowledge they have learned from the curriculum so far. They also allow students to demonstrate what they can do. The most valuable part of this process is the feedback that students receive from their teachers. Synoptic Assessments in all subjects are followed by a full feedback lesson, in which students are given specific prompts, known as feedforward, clarifying exactly what they need to do to get better. Teachers will always plan activities that enable students to respond to their feedback and feedforward and improve as a result. These assessment grades will be shared separately from their school report grade. The report grade is a holistic grade which reviews their progress this year to date and is not just based on this synoptic assessment score.

We will be supporting students with this process to ensure they feel confident and well prepared. We will be looking at revision techniques and students will have a series of lessons within the subject areas to ensure they know what to expect. I appreciate that some students may experience anxiety surrounding these assessments. Please reassure them that they will be prepared for these assessments in subject and Personal Development lessons where support will be given to students in developing their study skills. We will also focus on managing students' wellbeing and dealing with assessment-related anxieties.

Should you have any further questions with regard to the Year 8 Assessments, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 8 Pastoral Team. For any subject specific questions, please contact staff@ashmoleacademy.org for the attention of your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully



Miss R Chandler
Head of Year 8



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