

May 2021

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Y10 Assessment

I would like to share information regarding the arrangements for Y10 Assessment taking place from Monday 14th June until Wednesday 23rd June.

Firstly, please be advised of the timetable for each day which I enclose alongside this letter. This gives you a guide of which formal assessments are taking place each day. Content of each individual assessment shall be shared by subject teachers during regular lessons.

Assessments will take place in all subjects. Some are not within the timetable as they are practical in nature or based on coursework taking place in lessons. Teachers shall notify pupils of what these are and when they take place during lessons.

Please be aware of the importance of punctuality in these weeks especially, it will be very difficult for us to give pupils the opportunity to sit these assessments on alternative days.

Most pupils shall sit their assessments in the Main Hall with the exception of those requiring exam access arrangements such as additional time, laptops or other support. This is so that pupils can begin to become more accustomed to the conditions in which they shall sit their final exams in the summer of 2022.

In order for us to provide all pupils with what they require, some shall be based in alternative rooms such as IT suites. These alternative arrangements shall be communicated with pupils well in advance. Please be assured that all pupils shall have all arrangements in place that they are entitled to.

When pupils are not sitting an assessment, they shall be in normal timetabled lessons completing normal lesson work. These are assessments and not exams so revision immediately prior is not necessary. Pupils must continue to attend school in full uniform.

A number of pupils have discussed with me the nature of these assessments and asked whether they could be used to provide exam grades in the event of any further disruption caused by COVID 19. The simple answer is that at this stage we are working towards exams happening in the summer of 2022 as they did prior to the pandemic. However, I would always recommend to any pupil that they

put their best effort into any piece of work. Over the last year pupils have been awarded Teacher Assessed Grades which were developed using in-school assessment results as a guide.

I am keenly aware of maintaining the appropriate emotional support for our pupils, especially those faced with assessment and exams. I appreciate your continued support in achieving this.

Please contact myself or your child's Form Tutor if you have any further queries in the build up to these assessments.

Yours faithfully,



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