



March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Assessment Week: Monday 25 March – Monday 1 April 2019

Students may naturally be feeling slightly anxious as they approach the assessment week; please reassure them and remind them that this is part of the process to ensure that they are able to approach their GCSE exams in Year 11 with confidence, knowing what to expect.

Year 10 Assessments provide the opportunity to:

- assess how well students have settled into their GCSE subjects
- foster the development of good revision skills (including time management and personal organisation)
- help students understand the way formal exams are carried out
- give students the opportunity to practise exam routines
- enable students with access arrangements to learn to use these effectively
- minimise exam anxiety through familiarity with routines.

Parents and carers can support their child by ensuring that he/she has a full set of equipment; students are expected to have the following items in a **clear** pencil case: black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator, compass and protractor.

Whilst there is a clock in the hall and classrooms, we recommend that students should wear a wrist watch to help them to manage their time effectively during timed assessments. **Please note that smart watches are not permitted** as they are prohibited in all exams, **along with mobile phones.**

Finally, please support your son/daughter at home by making sure that they have somewhere quiet to revise and helping them to plan their time over the next few weeks, allocating sufficient time for each of their subjects.

Yours sincerely

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