

ASHLYNS SCHOOL



February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Assessment Week: Friday 20 March – Thursday 26 March 2020

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.

You can support them by ensuring your son/daughter has a full set of equipment; they 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 offer support at home by making sure that there is somewhere quiet to revise, and help your son/daughter to plan their time over the next few weeks, allocating sufficient time for each of their subjects. You will find the timetable of examinations for Assessment Week and an outline of topics with suggestions for revision for each subject, attached; please encourage your son/daughter to use these to make a clear revision timetable and allocate time each day to do so and work through the topics and subjects. Please also note that Assessment Week falls in the same week as the school show; students who are taking part in the show will need to take this into consideration when organising their time and revision.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 10