



March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Assessment Week: Tuesday 22 March - Friday 25 March

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 your child by ensuring they have 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.

There is a clock in the hall and classrooms to help students manage their time effectively during timed assessments. **Please note that students are no-longer allowed to wear their own watches** as they are now prohibited in all exams, **along with mobile phones**.

Finally, please support your child at home by making sure that they have somewhere quiet to revise and help them to plan their time over the next two weeks, allocating sufficient time for each of their subjects. Please see the [Timetable](#) of examinations for Assessment Week and an [outline of topics](#) with suggestions for revision for each subject; please encourage your son/ daughter to use these to make a clear revision timetable, allocate time each day to do so and work through the topics and subjects. Individual timetables will be given to students during the week commencing 14 March.

Yours sincerely

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