



Dear Parent/Carer

March 2024

Year 10 Assessment Week: Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 April 2024

There will be a short Assessment Week for Year 10 students in April. Students may naturally feel slightly anxious as they approach the assessment week; please reassure them and remind them that this is part of the process to ensure 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 during the assessment week. They are expected to have the following items in a clear pencil case: black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator, compass and protractor.

Please note that watches are not permitted as they are prohibited in all exams, along with mobile phones.

Finally, please support your child at home by ensuring they have somewhere quiet to revise. Parents/carers can assist their child with planning revision time in the run up to the assessment week, and also during the assessments themselves, allocating sufficient time for each of their subjects. Next week, all students will receive a bespoke timetable, including those students who have access arrangements. Please encourage students to use this timetable to structure their revision. Teachers will ensure students are aware of the content necessary to revise in class and through Google Classroom. When not in assessments during the week itself, students will be on their normal timetable, although teachers will allow them to revise in those lessons.

You may find this [link](#) useful in helping you to support your child at home; we would particularly stress that supporting them with getting enough sleep, both during the build up to the exams period and during the exams period itself, is very important.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 10 students success in their forthcoming assessments.

Yours sincerely

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