

May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we highlighted in the Year 10 Information Evening in October and through our recent newsletter, Year 10 students will be taking part in a formal assessment period beginning on **Wednesday 25th May (X Band) / Thursday 26th May (Y Band)**. These assessments will allow students to experience what sitting a GCSE exam is like which we feel is excellent preparation for their trial exams and real GCSEs exams next year.

The assessments will take place in normal lesson times. These assessments will give students and their teachers a good indication of the progress made through their GCSE courses so far and students will receive written targets to help them make the best possible start to Year 11 for each subject. A results day will take place on 30th June when students receive all of their results and targets which will be discussed in their subsequent lessons.

Students will take two assessments in both English and Maths, one in each of the three sciences (spread over two assessment periods other than for triple scientists) and one for each option subject. Due to external exams and coursework completion in the final half term, assessments will not be taken in Sports Studies, IT, Health and Social Care and Drama. Students will be tested on content that they have been learning this year which forms over half of the content examined next year when they sit their GCSEs. Students have been made aware of these assessments and will be given a timetable of when their assessments will be taking place during the assessment period which is summarised in this table:

	Wed 25 th May	Thurs 26 th May	Fri 27 th May	Mon 6 th June	Tues 7 th June	Wed 8 th June	Thurs 9 th June	Fri 10 th June
X Band	P5 English Language Assessment	P4 P quarter Science Assessment 1 P5 Q quarter Science Assessment 1	P3 Option C P4 Option D	P4 Maths Assessment 1 P5 Science Assessment 2	No Year 10 assessments	P3 Maths Assessment 2 P4 English Literature Assessment	P3 Option B P4 Triple Science only	P5 Option A
Y Band		P4 English Language Assessment P5 Science Assessment 1	P3 Option C P4 Option D	P1 Science Assessment 2 P5 Maths Assessment 1		P3 English Literature Assessment P4 Maths Assessment 2	P3 Option B P5 Triple Science only	P5 Option A

Students will sit no more than two assessments per day and each assessment will last no more than one hour although students who are eligible for extra time or support will have this allocated.

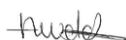
Form tutors have been helping their tutees to prepare for these assessments within tutorials by showing students different revision methods, how to create exam timetables and other tools needed to equip them to be successful. Teachers have also been discussing with their classes how best to prepare for their subject.

We want all students to take these assessments seriously and we hope you will support us in getting your child to revise for them. Experience has shown us that students who successfully prepare themselves for the Year 10 assessments place themselves in a much stronger position for their studies in Year 11.

Please also encourage your child to have their correct equipment for each exam, including a calculator and geometry set, as well as their school issued ID card worn on their lanyard.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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