

May 2022

Dear families

As your child's Cycle 3 assessments are due to take place next month, I am writing to make you aware of some key information.

Students will sit the majority of their assessments in the Sports Hall and a few in lessons. The details of the assessment dates are found on the reverse of this letter.

It is important that your child attend the academy on these dates as absence will result in your child missing his / her assessments. Leading up to the assessments, it is vital your child revises each evening and you support your child during this time. Students have had a number of sessions in school about how to prepare for their exams. For Year 10, the results of these exams will be used to determine predicted grades for Post-16 applications.

Research shows that students who study at home, by completing homework and additional revision, perform significantly better. In addition to this, they will approach their exams with confidence, which is very important. Top performing state, private and international schools all expect students to complete, at least, 15 hours of independent work each week throughout the year and significantly more in preparation for assessments.

Now that your child's end of year assessments are a few weeks away, it is critical that they increase their revision time at home. In order to be successful, your child should spend, at least, 20 hours revising each week – a typical week could consist of two hours each weekday and five hours a day when they are not in the academy.

To achieve this, your child needs a quiet space to work at home. Key activities that your child should be doing when revising are:

- self-quizzing – regularly testing against specific topics
- chunking revision – spending a maximum of 40 minutes on any topic (three topics per evening)
- using members of the family to test key knowledge

In addition to this, please ensure your child is exam ready with the following equipment:

- calculator
- 2 black pens
- 2 sharp pencils
- ruler
- rubber

If you have any queries regarding these assessments please contact the academy.

With your continued support, we are confident that your child will be extremely well prepared.

Yours faithfully



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Exams taking place in the Sports Hall

Week 7

6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June	10 June
Y10 English Literature Y10 History P1	Y9 Science P1	Y10 Maths P1 (non-calc)	Y10 English Language	Y10 RE

Week 8

13 June	14 June	15 June	16 June	17 June
Y9 Science P2 Y10 Computer Science	Y10 Spanish Reading Y10 Spanish Listening	Y10 Science – Biology Y9 Computer Science	Y9 English Y10 History P2	Y9 Maths P1 (non-calc) Y10 Science – Chemistry

Week 9

20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June	24 June
Y10 Maths P2 Y10 Spanish Writing Y9 Art	Y9 Maths P2 (calc) Y10 Geography	Y9 Spanish (3 papers) Y10 Science – Physics	Y7 Science Y8 Maths P1 (non-calc) Y9 Geography	Y8 Geography Y7 English (2 papers) Y8 History

Week 10

27 June	28 June	29 June	30 June	1 July
Y8 English (2 papers) Y7 Spanish (2 papers) Y8 Maths P2 (calc)	Y7 Maths P1 (non-calc) Y7 History Y8 Spanish (2 papers)	Y8 Science Y7 Maths P2 (calc) Y7 Geography	Y10 Art Y10 3D Design Y10 Textiles Y10 GCSE PE Y10 BTEC Sport Y10 Travel and Tourism	

Other exams taking place in classrooms during lessons:

- Art and Design: Y7 and Y8 assessed through ongoing lesson work.
- Computing: Y7 and Y8 – assessment in week 9. Y9 and Y10 DIT assessed through ongoing lesson work.
- English: Y10 Speaking assessments in Friday 1 July.
- History: Y9 – assessment in week 8.
- PE: Y7, Y8 and Y9 BTEC Tech Sport assessed through ongoing lesson work. Y9 GCSE PE assessment in week 8.
- RE: Y7, Y8 and Y9 – assessments in Weeks 8 and 9.
- Spanish: Y10 Speaking exams in week 10.

