

10 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carer,

Assessment Week

Following the announcement from the Government that schools will not be open to all students until the earliest 8 March, we have reviewed our assessment plans for the rest of the Spring term.

At the start of the term we wrote to announce that mock exams were being postponed for Year 11. The reason for this was that these were due to take place during January, when the Government closed schools to the majority of students. The intention is to still run formal assessments for students when they return to the Academy and our intention is to complete these after the Easter break when, hopefully, students will have returned to the Academy and had time face to face with their teacher to prepare for these. At this point, we should also have received a response from the consultations on awarding grades for the Summer exams, which should provide us with a better understanding of how the government intends for teachers to support the awarding process.

To support students in preparing for these mock exams and to ensure that intervention, on students return, is targeted towards the gaps in their knowledge, we will be completing a formal Assessment Week for Year 11. This formal Assessment Week will be completed online, and students will complete an assessment in each of the subjects they study, that would have an exam element to the course. The intention of these assessments is to identify the gaps students may have in their knowledge and skills, to ensure intervention is targeted towards students' needs on their return to the Academy. Students that are entitled to exam concessions have been reviewed and further details will be provided as to how these will be maintained for the assessments they complete.

As assessments will take place across the week and will impact numerous lessons. It has been agreed that normal timetabled lessons will be collapsed for the week. This will enable students to take rest breaks in between assessments, supporting their wellbeing and allow them to prepare for the assessments. To support students in preparing for their assessment, revision topics will be uploaded to Show My Homework or TEAMS in advance. These revision topics and resources will directly cover which topics will come up on the formal assessments, to enable them to be prepared for their assessment.

Following the Assessment Week there will be a Parent Teacher Consultation so that you can discuss your child's progress with subject staff.

**The dates for the formal Assessment Week will be as follows:
Monday 1 – Friday 5 March 2021**
**The date for the Parent Teacher Consultation will be as follows:
Wednesday 31 March 2021**

A timetable for the assessments has been included below. Students will be sent an invite by their teacher for their assessment. The invite will be in line with the exam timetable and may not take place when they would have their normal subject lesson. Assessments will differ in length depending on their subject. Timing lengths for each exam can be found on the exam timetable attached.

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1.3.21- 5.3.21	9:15 am start		12:45pm start
Monday 01.03.21	English Literature 1h45m		11.1 French 2h 11.1 Geography 2h 11.1 History 2h 11.1 Music rehearsal 2h 11.1 Psychology 1h 11.1 Spanish 2h
Tuesday 02.03.21	Combined Science: Biology 1h Triple Science: Biology 1.5h		Maths 1.5h
Wednesday 03.03.21	11.2 Business 1.5h 11.2 Dance 2h 11.2 Engineering 2h 11.2 French 2h 11.2 Geography 2h 11.2 History 2h 11.2 Health & Social Care 1h 11.2 Spanish 2h		
Thursday 04.03.21	11.3 Business 1.5h 11.3 DT 2h 11.3 Hospitality & Catering 1.5h 11.3 Music rehearsal 2h 11.3 Psychology 1h45m 11.3 Sport 2h 11.3 Art 2h		English Language 1h45m
Friday 05.03.21	11.4 Computing 1h15m 11.4 Drama 1.5h 11.4 DT 2h 11.4 Media 2h 11.4 RS 2h 11.4 Sport 2h 11.4 Photography 2h		Combined Science: Chemistry 1h Triple Science: Chemistry 1.5h

Students will be expected to attend their exam through TEAMS at the time given. They will register and then the assessment will be explained to students. They will be sent a link to the assessment they are to complete during the TEAMS session, this means they must access the session on time and attend live. This is to ensure all students have the designated time to complete the assessment in full

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and that they do not have access to the assessment in advance. In submitting their assessment, students will be agreeing that they have completed their assessment in formal exam conditions, without support from any other person or devices. If for any reason, a teacher believes this is not the case, the assessment will be treated as invalid as it is ineffective at supporting staff with identifying gaps in knowledge and therefore targeted intervention that each student may require on their return to the Academy.

Should you feel your child is unable to complete assessment on the device they currently use to attend their lessons, please contact their Head of House, Mr Peacock, to discuss your concerns further.

Thank you for your support.

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