

Tuesday 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 13. 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, as well as supporting staff with having an accurate understanding of the grades students are currently working at, we will be completing a formal Assessment Week for Year 13. This formal Assessment Week will be completed online and students will be expected to complete an assessment in each of the subjects they study. The only exception to this will be for BTEC Sport and Photography, due to the way these are assessed. Students who 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.

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 24 March 2021**

A timetable for the assessments has been attached to this letter. 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.

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 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, and a U grade would be awarded for the piece of assessment. The Academy would not be able to use the assessment for any evidence to support a teacher assessed grade.

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As assessments will take place across the week and will impact numerous lessons. It has been agreed that students will spend their time between their assessments revising and preparing for their assessments for the assessment week only. The only exception to this is for students who study Triple Sport. These students will be expected to attend their lessons at the usual times as they do not study any other subjects. 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. Students are expected to complete revision using these materials in between their assessments instead of attending their normal lessons for the assessment week only.

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 Taafe, to discuss your concerns further.

The timetable for the Formal Assessment week is provided below. Staff will schedule a TEAMS meeting for the relevant time.

<b>1.3.21-5.3.21</b>	9am start time		12:30pm start time
Monday 01.03.21	Psychology 2h Maths 2h English 13ENB 2h Media 2h		Biology 1.5h Physics 1.5h Religious Studies 2h Photography 2h
Tuesday 02.03.21	Design Technology 1.5h Sociology 2h Music rehearsal 2h		Chemistry 1.5h History 2.5h Business 2h English 13ENA 2h
Wednesday 03.03.21	Psychology 2h Maths 2h English 13ENB 2h		
Thursday 04.03.21	Biology 1.5h Physics 1.5h Religious Studies 2h Photography 2h		Design Technology 1.5h Sociology 2h Music rehearsal 2h
Friday 05.03.21	Chemistry 1.5h History 2.5h Business 2h English 13ENA 2h		GCSE Maths Resit 1.5h

Thank you for your support.

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