



THE BOURNE ACADEMY

Monday, 05 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you with information regarding the forthcoming Year 10 Formal Assessments which are due to take place between Monday 11th March till Friday 15th March.

Formal Assessments are an ideal opportunity for students to experience the preparation, organisation and expectations required for next summer's GCSE period. Students will complete an exam paper in each of their core subjects and most of their option subjects. These assessments will be completed in the hall under formal conditions. Consequently, the exams are run under the same regulations used during the summer exams and behaviour should be exemplary. Students failing to abide by exam board regulations will be sanctioned accordingly.

Student's grades from the formal assessments will be used to inform their projected grade on their next report home and will be used to provide specific feedback to students on their areas of strength and development. To ensure students are prepared for their assessments and can experience success, staff will provide revision material and guidance on the topics they will be assessed on in advance of the assessment. Please support your child in allocating time prior to their assessments to prepare for them.

If your child has been granted access arrangements via the JCQ they will be provided with these for exams. All access arrangements are given based on the candidates' normal way of working and if they are not used correctly, they will be removed for future assessment and examination series.

Students will attend school as usual. We have included a timetable for you to use with your child in preparing them for their assessments. If they are not in an exam, then they will be expected to attend their scheduled lessons. Afternoon exams will start at 1pm, with students being given an early lunch break at 12:30pm (food will be available from the Hub for students who wish to buy something).

Students should bring their equipment to school as usual, including a black pen, pencil and ruler. If there is specific equipment needed for an exam, this will be provided.

We wish your child the best of luck with the assessments.

Yours sincerely,

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