



THE BOURNE ACADEMY

Monday, 31 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you with information regarding the forthcoming Year 9 Formal Assessments which are due to take place between Monday 28 April and Friday 2 June.

Formal Assessments are an ideal opportunity for students to experience the preparation, organisation and expectations required their GCSE examinations. Students will complete an exam paper in each of their core subjects and most of their option subjects. The core 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. The option subjects will be completed in the classroom.

Students grades from the formal assessments will be used to inform on their projected grade in their next report home. The grades will also 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. We have also attached an overview of the assessments students will complete, so you can support with revision. Please be aware this document contains all options subjects, so please review the subjects relevant to the young person. 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 core assessments. If they are not in an exam then they will be expected to attend their scheduled lessons.

Students are expected to bring into the exam a black pen, pencil and a ruler. All other equipment needed for the assessment will be supplied by the Academy.

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

Yours sincerely,

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