

29th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 10 Assessments

As you may remember from the Year 10 Information Evening in October, Year 10 students will be taking part in a formal assessment period beginning on Thursday 21st May. These assessments will allow students to experience what sitting a GCSE exam is like which we feel is excellent preparation for their trial exams and real GCSE exams next year. The assessments will take place in normal lesson times and the majority will be in a classroom although most students will have one assessment in an exam hall to familiarise them with this experience (this will be Period 4 on either Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for Y Band or Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June for X Band).

These assessments will give students and their teachers a good indication of the progress made through their GCSE courses so far, and students will receive written targets to help them make the best possible start to Year 11 for each subject. A results day will take place in early July, when students will receive all of their results and targets which will be discussed in their subsequent lessons.

Students will take two assessments in English and Maths, one in each of the three sciences and one for each option subject. They will be tested on content that they have been learning this year which forms over half of the content examined next year when they sit their GCSEs. Students have been made aware in an assembly of these assessments and will be given a timetable of when their assessments will be taking place during the assessment period which is summarised in this table:

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>					X Biology Y English Language
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>		A Option		X English Language *Y Biology	
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	D Option				Y Chemistry
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>			X Chemistry	C Option	
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>			X English Lit Y Physics	X Maths non-calculator Y English Lit	
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	X Maths Calculator	Y Maths non-calculator		B Option	
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>			Y Maths Calculator	*X Physics	

*\*Most students will sit either their Biology or Physics assessments in the main exam hall.*

Students will sit no more than two assessments per day, and each assessment will last no more than one hour, although students who are eligible for extra time or support will have this allocated.

Form tutors have also been helping their tutees to prepare for these assessments within tutorials by showing students different revision methods to equip them to be successful. Subject teachers have also been discussing with their classes how best to prepare for their subject.



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We want all students to take these assessments seriously and we hope you will support us in helping your child to revise for them. Please also encourage them to have the correct equipment for each exam, including a calculator and geometry set, as well as their school issued ID cards.

Should you have any questions please contact the Year 10 Pastoral Team.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'Naomi Anderson'.

Naomi Anderson  
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