

6<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Year 10 Parents / Carers,

I am writing with further details, as promised, about the week of assessments (18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020), for Year 10 students. All Year 10 students should complete an assessment for each of the subjects they are taught (with the exception of Computer Science). I have attached a timetable, which clearly shows which subjects should be completed and on which day. If your child decides to complete the assessments in a different order, that is fine, **so long as they respect the time allocated**. Please note that we have also added time for the students who qualify for extra time. Staff have also added a column in which they have highlighted focus for revision between now and 18<sup>th</sup> May.

If at all possible, we would recommend that you supervise your child; he / she should not use any notes or online help. These assessments are not like a mock examination but they are a chance for your child to check what he / she can recall from memory. Once all the assessments have been completed, please ask your child to return them.

Students can return their assessments (on which they must write their name) via Class Charts / Teams / Staff email or post. You can also drop the pack of assessments to the school reception area, where we will collect them, if this is easier for you.

If your child does not have access to a computer and receives his / her school work by post, we will do the same for the assessment papers. If your child is used to accessing his / her work via Class Charts or Teams, they should continue to work that way. Online assessments will be released from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May on Class Charts (or Teams for some subjects) and for those receiving a paper pack, we will endeavour to ensure that it arrives on the 18<sup>th</sup> too!

During the week of assessments, we are asking Year 10 students not to complete any other work and focus solely on their assessment tasks. Once returned, all assessments will be marked and students will receive feedback.

Finally, these assessments do not count towards the GCSE final examinations, so I hope that students will not see them as stressful; they are just one way to let us gauge where students are at and to see them rewarded for all the great work they have been doing, at home, since the beginning of our lock down.

May I take this opportunity again to thank you parents and carers for the amazing job you are doing in supporting your child's education. I am immensely proud of all the positive stories I have heard and the quality of the returned work I have seen.

I wish you all the very best; take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards,



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**Head of School**