

## Revision and assessments for final year exam students

Dear Parents and Carers

In last week's newsletter, Mr McNerney wrote to the school community with an update on our assessment process for final year exam courses. This week we are writing to parents, carers and students to reiterate the information about assessments and to share with you information about our revision programme, starting on Monday 22nd March.

### Assessment process

We cannot be specific about the assessment process we will use until the exam boards release their guidance for subjects at the end of March. However, it is likely that our assessment process will involve grades awarded using a combination of:

- the December mock exams and predicted grades generated from them (years 10 and 11)
- the October mock exams and predicted grades generated from them (year 13)
- end of year assessments completed in the sports hall under exam conditions (at least two per subject). We can now confirm that our assessment process will take place between 3rd-21st May 2021. We will release an assessment timetable before the Easter break
- reliable, standardised classwork to refine final grades
- and NEA (non-examined assessment), commonly referred to as coursework

Please keep in mind that because schools can design their own assessments, they will only contain the parts of the curriculum that have been taught.

We understand that you may have questions about this year's approach to awarding grades especially as so many schools are doing things differently. We would like to share our rationale for our decision with you via a live webinar with a question and answer session. The dates for these events are:

- **Parents and carers of year 13 students on Tuesday 23rd March at 5pm until 6pm**  
[Please complete this form to book a place and submit any questions.](#) A link to the event will be sent before the event to those who have booked a place. This booking form will close on Monday 22nd March 1pm.
- **Parents and carers of year 10 and 11 students, live Google Meet session on Wednesday 24th March at 5pm until 6pm**  
[Please complete this form to book a place and submit any questions.](#) A link to the event will be sent before the event to those who have booked a place. This booking form will close on Tuesday 23rd March 1pm.

### Revision programme

We are committed to ensuring that our students receive additional teaching time to consolidate learning and to feel prepared and confident for the forthcoming assessments. We have put together a comprehensive revision programme that starts on Monday 22nd March. We will also be providing pastoral support to all students through tutor time and further one to one pastoral support to students who require this.

**Our revision programme consists of four components.**

#### 1. After school revision for all students in years 10 and 11

- From Monday 22nd March to Friday 30th April we will have in place a daily revision programme for all year 11 students from 2.30-3.30pm (this can be viewed below). There is the expectation that all year 11 students will remain in school until 3.30pm to take full advantage of this programme. We will take registers and follow up

absences, as we do in all lessons. Students receive a briefing session this morning to explain this revision programme to them and our expectations around attendance and participation.

- Year 10 students will also be expected to remain in school for the revision programme on the days specified in the table below.
- We will build ten minutes between the last lesson of the day and the revision lessons starting, for students to have a snack in the hall. Please can parents and carers provide their child with a snack and a drink for this purpose.

### Year 13

Year 13 students will be invited to attend revision sessions over the Easter holidays. We will send out a separate timetable for this in the next few days.

Date	Y11 subject	Y10 subject
<b>Monday 22/3/21 (a)</b>	Science	
<b>Tuesday 23/3/21 (a)</b>	English	Art
<b>Wednesday 24/3/21 (a)</b>	MFL	R.S / citizenship
<b>Thursday 25/3/21 (a)</b>	Maths	Options
<b>Friday 26/3/21 (a)</b>	Citizenship/ R.S/ computing	
<b>Monday 29/3/21 (b)</b>	Science	
<b>Tuesday 30/3/21 (b)</b>	English	Art
<b>Wednesday 31/3/21 (b)</b>	Option subjects	R.S / citizenship
Easter revision school. The full programme will be released in due course.		
<b>Monday 26/4/21 (b)</b>	Science	
<b>Tuesday 27/4/21 (b)</b>	English	Art
<b>Wednesday 28/4/21 (b)</b>	Option subjects	R.S / citizenship
<b>Thursday 29/4/21 (b)</b>	Maths	Options
<b>Friday 30/4/21 (b)</b>	Citizenship / R.S / computing	

### 2. Easter revision school

- We are in the process of organising our Easter revision school and we will be able to write to you next week with the full timetable. This revision timetable will include additional time for non examined assessment completion and year 13 revision.

### 3. Revision in lessons

- After the Easter break, all lesson time will be dedicated to revision and students will not be expected to learn new content from this point onwards.

#### **4. Revision materials**

- Over the next two weeks we will be updating the revision materials in the GCSE revision Google classroom. These revision materials are for students to use for revision at home. We hope to release this before the Easter holidays.
- We will dedicate a tutor time session before Easter to planning a revision timetable.

We hope that this information will reassure parents, carers and students that students will be well supported over the forthcoming weeks. Please can we ask that all parents and carers reinforce with their children the expectation to attend the daily revision programme. If there are personal circumstances that will prevent your child from attending please contact your child's head of year.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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