

19 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

The week commencing Monday, 29 September, we have the first Year 10 assessment week, during which all Year 10 students will have the opportunity to show what they have been learning as well as receiving feedback on areas they need to improve.

Following these assessments, you will receive the first report to show you what progress your child is making towards their target grade and how good their attitude towards learning is.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to revise for these assessments and also to arrive at school fully equipped. Revision resources have been shared by class teachers on Google Classroom and ClassCharts.

To help you understand what the assessments are about, here are some further details:

English: The pupils will be writing an exam style response to the opening of their 19th century novel, Jekyll and Hyde, demonstrating their ability to choose judicious quotations, analyse the language choices, consider impact on the reader and speculate the writer's intention.

Maths: The year 10 assessment will be a full GCSE paper split into two parts. It will be a calculator paper, so please ensure you bring a calculator to the lessons the assessments are being conducted; this will be on Monday, 29 and Tuesday, 30 September. It will be an OCR paper, Foundation students will sit a Paper 1 and Higher students will sit a Paper 4. There may be some topics on the assessment that we have not yet covered, however teachers have shared a comprehensive revision list, specific to the assessment, via ClassCharts.

Science: The assessment will be a mixture of short and extended answer questions all based on the Physics 1 topics of Energy, Electricity, Particle Model and Atomic Structure. Pupils will have the whole lesson to complete their assessment.

Geography: Year 10 geographers will complete a 33-mark paper on 'The challenge of Natural hazards' along with a 10 mark 'Geog your memory' quiz on other topics taught last year.

History: Prepare using the revision list posted on the google classroom as you will have questions from 2 units and independent preparation is essential. Remember the big marker is about how the Nazis rose to power 1928-1932.

French/German: The assessment will focus around the topic of friends and family. You will be expected to give your opinion on the important people in your life, as well as providing reasons. You will also be assessed on how well you understand when others are talking about family members and friends.

REP: Students will be assessed on the Christianity Unit from Paper 1, which will help prepare them for their Year 10 Mocks at the end of the year. We will also have a revision lesson focusing on Salvation to prepare for the extended question.

Sociology: Students will be assessed on the Family section of Paper 1, which will support their preparation for the end-of-year Mocks. A revision lesson on Family Diversity in Britain today will help them prepare for the extended question.

Product Design: DT Students will be tested in a range of ways from drawing to recalling knowledge based on joinery methods, such as, finger, dowel, lap and dovetail joints.

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Core ICT: This assessment will be an exam style MCQ covering the content from 'Using Devices and Handling Information'. This includes content such as searching effectively, folders and files, and cloud services.

Computer Science: This first assessment will cover a variety of content from last year, as well as the programming we have covered most recently. This will be a paper-based assessment only, but you will be allowed the use of the PLS.

Digital IT: Students will be required to answer a series of questions on spreadsheet functions. Students will also be given a practical task to complete in excel and follow instructions to complete the task.

Music: As well as having Area of Study 1 keywords to learn to support a listening test, pupils have been set a performance assignment which will count towards their assessment. Pupils should be practising their piece regularly at home to be ready for recording in class.

Art: Assessments will include presenting their introduction, research and artwork on the theme of natural form sculpture.

Photography: Assessments will include presenting their introduction, research and photography on the theme of Tiny Worlds.

Media: The assessment will be based on the Bond set products - posters for No Time to Die and Man with the Golden Gun, and will be exam-style questions focusing on analysing media language, representations, and context.

Health and Social Care: We will be assessing knowledge of life events and the physical, intellectual, emotional and social effects that these can have on service users.

Child Development: We will be assessing the knowledge of factors to take into consideration when choosing equipment for a nursery.

We wish the best of luck to all the Year 10 students. If there are any questions about these assessments, students should talk to their class teacher for further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Goodship'.

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