

May 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

During the week beginning 14th June, our Year 10 students will be completing end-of-year examinations. The arrangements for these will be outlined in further detail to students, however, a brief summary of the purpose of the assessments and the plans to run them are included in this letter.

Given the disruption that students have experienced over the past year, it is important that they prepare for these assessments as they will provide an indication of the progress being made so far. The examinations will also:

- Provide further evidence for staff on the impact of home learning between January and March on students' progress
- Highlight the progress made overall by students on courses so far
- Outline areas where further attention and support is needed over the final few weeks of Year 10 and the start of Year 11
- Support staff predictions for our own internal data and predictions for those students wanting to apply to the Sixth Form
- Support students in preparing for next year's final examinations, as we have every reason to believe that they will go ahead as normal.

The examinations will be completed in the Sports Hall under examination conditions. Students will receive a timetable and when they are not in an exam, they will attend their scheduled lesson as normal. Students who are entitled to access arrangements will have these made available to them and will be informed directly if they need to go to a different room for their exam.

All of our current risk assessment measures to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 will be in place, including: sanitiser upon entry to the examination hall, appropriate spacing between desks, invigilators wearing appropriate PPE (including face coverings where social distancing is not possible), on-going home lateral flow testing for students and invigilators, a seating plan for each exam and tables and chairs cleaned at the end of each day.

We have every reason to feel very positive about the chances of our Year 10 students in these examinations and in their final ones next year. Whilst there is no doubt that the past 12 months have brought significant challenges, our Year 10 students have impressed everyone with their positive attitude to their studies and their willingness to do everything possible to succeed. A full report and update on your child's progress in each of their subjects will be sent home following completion of the examinations.

If you or your child have any questions regarding the examinations, please contact a member of the Year Team.

Yours faithfully



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