

May 2022

Dear family

After half-term, all secondary students will be sitting their end of year assessments. The assessments will take place from Monday 6 June until Wednesday 29 June and will be sat under exam conditions.

Please find along with this letter your child's assessment timetable. Your child has also created a revision timetable, with the support of their advisor, which should guide their additional study at home over the coming weeks. When approaching high stakes exams, such as the Cycle 3 assessments, we would expect students to be completing revision at home - on an evening and at a weekend. Doing small chunks of revision, little and often, is much more effective than cramming the night before and will support them to be able to effectively recall and apply their knowledge.

All students have been shown how to revise effectively with techniques such as:

- Look, cover, write, check
- Making flashcards
- Creating mindmaps and braindumps
- Answering practice questions
- Creating their own questions and answering them

Your child will have been directed by their subject teacher as to what to revise; however, BBC Bitesize and Oak National are two highly recommended websites to support revision.

In Year 7 to 9, the assessments will be cumulative, testing knowledge learnt from Year 7 onwards. Towards the end of this academic year, you will receive a report with your child's attainment and progress for each subject. In the core subjects of English, mathematics, science and the humanities, our assessments will be comparable across Dixons Academies Trust so you can see how well your child is doing compared to others of the same age.

In Year 10, students will be sitting part or full GCSE style papers and, in most subjects, will receive a GCSE grade from 1 to 9.

I have no doubt that your child has been working hard and will continue to do so over half-term in preparation for their end of year exams.

If you have any questions about the upcoming exams, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

I wish your child every success.

Yours faithfully

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