

Dear Parent

### Years 7-10 mid-year assessments January 2023

Assessments for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will take place from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The purpose of these tests is to gain an accurate picture of your child's progress in each subject, analysing gaps in knowledge and revisiting content that needs further teaching.

### **What will the structure of the assessments be?**

- Assessments in English, maths, science, geography, history, modern foreign languages and religious studies will be 50 minutes in length and will be completed in classrooms during lessons. Students will be told by their teachers the time and date for each assessment. Head of Year will share year group timetable with students.
- Students will also be assessed in practical subjects. This may be a combination of practical project work throughout the current term as well as more formal assessments dependent on the subject.

### **What support is provided to help students prepare for the assessments?**

- Students will be provided with information about the assessments by subject teachers in lessons and via Microsoft Teams/email which will help them to focus their revision.
- Teachers will be providing guidance on how to revise effectively for their different subject areas.
- Lessons already have a regular focus on retrieval practice which challenges students to answer knowledge-based questions from previous lessons, a technique which a strong base of research evidence shows is one of the most effective ways of revising and building memory over time.
- Lessons throughout the Autumn term have also included teacher modelling/guided practice to develop skills to help students build confidence with the types of questions they would be asked in the assessments.

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## What will happen after the assessment period?

Students will receive feedback from their assessments and will complete review activities in lessons focussing on identified areas for improvement.

- Progress reports to parents will be published during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have any further questions about the assessments, please contact the Head of the relevant subject or the Head of Year via the year group email:

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