

December 2023

Dear Parent

Years 7 to 10 mid-year assessments January 2024

Assessments for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will take place over a two-week period from Monday 8th January until Friday 19th January 2024. The purpose of these tests is to gain an accurate picture of your child's progress in each subject, analysing any gaps in knowledge and revisiting content that shows as needing further teaching.

What will the structure of the assessments be?

- Examinations in English, maths, science, geography, history, and modern foreign languages will be 50 minutes in length and will be completed in classrooms during lessons. This may not always be in the normal subject lesson time. Students will be told by their teachers the time and date for each assessment.
- Students will also be assessed in practical subjects. This may be a combination of practical project work throughout the term as well as more formal assessments dependent on the subject.

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

- Students have been provided with information about the assessments by subject teachers in lessons and via Microsoft Teams/email which will help them to focus their revision.
- Students will be sent the assessment timetable by their Head of Year this week and it will be uploaded on our website.
- Teachers have been 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 year 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 examinations.

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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 after Spring half term.

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

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