

Dear Parents and Carers

June 2021

## **End of Year Assessment for Years 7 - 10**

As we begin the final half-term of this academic year, I would like to share our plans for the end of year assessments and parental reports. Students in years 7 - 9 will sit end of year assessments during the week beginning 21 June 2021. Students in year 10 will start their end of year assessments during the week beginning 28 June 2021. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to show what they have learnt this year, and they will need to prepare carefully for them.

### **What students need to revise**

Information about what students need to revise will be set using Microsoft Teams as a homework assignment.

### **Where students will complete their assessments**

Students in years 7 – 9 will sit their assessments in classrooms. Students in year 10 are approaching their final year of KS4 courses and, as the content and format of exams for 2022 have yet to be decided, it is also important that they get a chance to prepare and experience assessments in a more formal setting. Year 10 students will therefore sit their assessments in the sports hall, which is where all mock examinations and public examinations (e.g. GCSEs) take place.

### **Year 9 assessment information**

Year 9 assessments will have some significance for the setting of GCSE groups in science, maths and modern languages. In maths, French and Spanish, students will sit either a higher tier exam (grades 9-5) or a foundation tier exam (grades 5-1) at the end of year 11. Each tier results in a single GCSE qualification. The set in which a student is placed at the beginning of year 10 in these subjects does not 'fix' the final tier of entry (this is decided in year 11) but it does give an indication of whether the student will sit a higher tier or foundation tier exam.

In science, the information from assessments will be used to allocate students to an AQA Science GCSE course that is appropriate for them. The highest-performing students in the year group will be selected to study separate sciences at higher tier entry in biology, chemistry and physics. These students will be awarded three GCSE grades at the end of their course. The remaining students (around 85% of the year group) will be selected for AQA Trilogy GCSE Science, which combines the study of biology, chemistry and physics and results in the award of two science GCSE grades at the end of their course. The trilogy qualification can be entered at either higher or foundation tier.

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## Reports

The results from the assessments will be included in the end of year reports for each year group. These reports will also include the usual progress and attitude to learning information along with comments from tutors about wider contribution to school life.

If you have any questions about the end of year assessments, please contact me using the information below.

Yours sincerely,



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