

Friday 29 April 2022

Dear Year 10 Parents/Guardians,

Year 10 End of Year Exams

We are writing to you ahead of your child's End of Year Assessments to provide you with some key information. We hope that the information listed below helps you to understand our assessment process as well as provide you with resources and information to allow you to support your child at home.

Why Do We Have End of Year Assessments?

We sit standardised assessments halfway through the year and at the end of the year. These assessments provide us with valuable information about what students have successfully managed to learn, and where we may need to provide more support to students in the classroom. Additionally, the information gathered at both the mid-year and end of year assessments allow us to adjust setting and grouping for the future. This is particularly important for students in Year 10 as setting is likely to affect tier of entry for some subject areas.

Perhaps most importantly, End of Year Assessments allow students to practice the routine of formal exams in preparation for their real GCSEs next year. This includes having the correct equipment, following JCQ guidelines, revising properly and experiencing the exam hall as they would do in the real GCSEs. As such, we take these assessments very seriously.

Which assessments will be taking place?

The following exam timetable has been agreed by the school and will take place in the Arena, unless stated otherwise.

Please also see listed below a brief description of the revision materials which will become available to students in the following weeks in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.

- All resources will be available on Arbor.
- Please be aware homework will also be set for all examinable subjects.

If you would like further support for your child ahead of examinations, please contact the class teacher directly. This is often the quickest way to receive support and guidance on how to help your child.

Many thanks as Always,

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Which assessments will be taking place?

Please ensure this schedule is pinned on the fridge at home to help you support your son or daughter's revision. Please also note that a timetable bespoke to each student, including seating arrangements, will be provided during Tutor Time a week before the start of the exams.

| Date | Start | Year | Assessable | Unit |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Mon, 23 May 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | Biology | Paper 1 |
| Tue, 24 May 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | English Language | |
| Tue, 24 May 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | German & French | Reading |
| Wed, 25 May 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | History | |
| Thu, 26 May 2022 | 12:00 | Year 10 | German & French | Writing |
| Thu, 26 May 2022 | 12:00 | Year 10 | Health & Social Care | |
| Thu, 26 May 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | Food Technology | Theory |
| Fri, 27 May 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | Geography | Paper 1 |
| Mon, 06 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | English Literature | |
| Mon, 06 Jun 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | Business Studies | |
| Mon, 13 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | Food Technology | Practical |
| Tue, 14 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | Chemistry | Paper 1 |
| Tue, 14 Jun 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | Design Technology | |
| Wed, 15 Jun 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | Drama | |
| Thu, 16 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | Computer Science | |
| Thu, 16 Jun 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | Maths | Paper 1 |
| Fri, 17 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | Physics | Paper 1 |
| Mon, 20 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | French | Speaking 1 |
| Tue, 21 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | Maths | Paper 2 |
| Tue, 21 Jun 2022 | 12:00 | Year 10 | Geography | Paper 2 |
| Wed, 22 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | French | Speaking 2 |
| Wed, 22 Jun 2022 | 14:00 | Year 10 | RE | |
| Thu, 23 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | German | Speaking 1 |
| Fri, 24 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | German | Speaking 2 |
| Tue, 28 Jun 2022 | 09:15 | Year 10 | German | Speaking 3 |

| Subject | Examinable Content | Revision Materials available |
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| English Literature | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shakespeare play: Macbeth 2. 19th Century novel: A Christmas Carol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotation sheets provided prior to the Easter break and available on Arbor. • Practice question packs will be distributed to students in their English lessons. • Seneca and Oak academy provide excellent revision resources. |
| English Language | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading: Fiction source. 4 Questions focused on reading skills. 2. Writing: Fiction based. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past papers will be provided to students in lesson. |
| Higher Maths Only | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further Expanding & Factorising 2. Higher Probability 3. Capture Recapture 4. Further Proportion 5. Recurring Decimals 6. Surds 7. Bounds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision resources will be provided by the class teachers and will be uploaded onto Arbor. • Students will receive a topic list with links to HegartyMaths clips, in addition to practice questions and worked solutions. • Please note some Year 9 content will also be assessed. |
| Foundation and Higher Maths | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rearranging equations 2. Linear Graphs ($y = mx + c$) 3. Compound measures 4. Graphs (quadratic & further) 5. Linear Simultaneous Equations 6. Standard Form 7. Simple Interest, Growth & Decay 8. Further Ratio 9. Statistics & probability | |
| Biology | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cells 2. Organisation 3. Bioenergetics 4. Infection and response. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca: Biology course – sections 1 to 4, • Paper 1 preparation pack: Foundation tier - P:\2. KS4 REVISION\Science 2021 - 2022\Paper 1 booklet FT.docx • Higher tier - P:\2. KS4 REVISION\Science 2021 - 2022\Paper 1 booklet HT.docx |
| Chemistry | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Atoms and the periodic table 2. Bonding 3. Quantitative chemistry 4. Energy changes 5. Chemical changes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca: Chemistry course – sections 1 to 5 • Paper 1 preparation pack: Foundation tier - P:\2. KS4 REVISION\Science 2021 - 2022\Paper 1 booklet FT.docx • Higher tier - P:\2. KS4 REVISION\Science 2021 - 2022\Paper 1 booklet HT.docx |
| Physics | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Particles 2. Atomic structure and radioactivity 3. Electricity 4. Energy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seneca: Physics course – sections 1 to 4 • Paper 1 preparation pack: Foundation tier - P:\2. KS4 REVISION\Science 2021 - 2022\Paper 1 booklet FT.docx • Higher tier - P:\2. KS4 REVISION\Science 2021 - 2022\Paper 1 booklet HT.docx |

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