



ABBEY PARK SCHOOL

17th June 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Year 10 Teacher Assessments

As you are aware, Year 10 pupils were due to take their first set of GCSE mock examinations in Term 4 of this year.

Due to the Government lockdown from January to March and on-going Covid-19 restrictions, we will be unable to run the postponed mock examinations in their traditional form this academic year.

As an alternative, pupils will undergo a fortnight of 'Teacher Assessments' which will take place in classrooms over the next two weeks. Teachers will inform pupils of the topics that will be assessed, give guided revision advice and 'Build-Up' to the tests in their teaching. Pupils will be given assessment timetables so that they can plan their revision accordingly and homework during this period will relate to preparation for the assessments.

We recommend that revision is seen as a five-point process:

- 1. REVIEW. Read your notes in exercise books / revision guides; re-learn any necessary areas
- 2. CONDENSE. Make notes onto revision cards / brainstorm sheets / pictures of key points / post-its etc
- 3. LEARN information using short term memory strategies
- 4. PRACTISE set questions / tests
- 5. CHECK your responses

Our aim is to enable pupils a 'flavour' of what they might expect from GCSE style papers, while supporting them with content that might have been taught during remote learning. The outcomes of assessments will allow pupils to know how they are progressing in their GCSE courses and enable them to identify specific areas that they will need to re-cap. It will also help teachers to plan teaching and interventions for Year 11.

Our intention is for a full mock examination set to take place towards the end of Term 2 of the next academic year.

In order to help Year 10 pupils better understand how they can learn content, retrieve information and improve their memories they will also undertake a 'learning questionnaire' later in the term. This



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questionnaire is offered to pupils in collaboration with the platform 'Performance Learning'. More information will be given to pupils nearer the time.

We continue to be very proud of the way in which Year 10 pupils have remained resilient and determined, despite the challenges of their first year of GCSE study. Your support as pupils revise for their assessments over the coming weeks is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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