



30 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

'And now it begins in earnest' was what I was thinking on Monday morning when I woke up with reference to the forthcoming assessments. A mixture of apprehension and quiet optimism was apparent. As each day passes I see a year group rising to the challenges and working very hard. Attendance at this stage is very important as class teachers will be recapping and reinforcing subject knowledge and assessment technique. Every hour and every day counts. Additional Supportive Study sessions are still being offered as per the programme and will continue until all the assessments are completed in that curriculum area.

I can appreciate stress and anxiety levels will be fluctuating over the next few weeks. Diet and exercise play a huge part in helping reducing them. Eating well reduces the overall stress on the body and can make a person feel good about themselves. Exercising helps clear the mind and provides a way of releasing a great deal of muscle tension which stress produces. How can we help as parent(s)?

- Provide them with a variety of healthy meals
- Encourage them to get out and exercise, this can also include going for a walk.
- Encourage them to drink lots of water.

Some assessments will go well and others may be a little trickier. You may hear your son/daughter constantly say negative things such as 'I'm going to fail' or 'it's too hard'. Too many negative thoughts can adversely affect your son/daughters self-belief and you may need to help them replace these with more positive thoughts.

- If they are constantly saying negative things, find something positive to say about the way they are working.
- Look for ways in which you can help them believe in themselves by reminding them of any successes they have had and take each day as it comes.
- Get them to focus on the short-term task of revising rather than thinking about the final results.

Please see below the assessments which will be carried out W/B Monday 3 May and beyond. These have also been posted on Satchel One with greater detail in terms of what type of assessment e.g. open book, high control etc. This will help with planning and preparation at home.

Many thanks to those parents who have given me feedback on how things have gone or what they would like to see. This will help with any future planning. As always any feedback concerning what we are doing at school for Year 11 is greatly appreciated.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughters classroom teacher, Head of Year or myself.

Kind regards

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**Assessments Schedule Week Beginning Monday 3 May 2021**

<b>Curriculum Subject</b>	<b>Assessment Title</b>	<b>Date of Assessment / Class / Teaching Group</b>
Biology	Ecology	WB Monday 3 May 11y1
Biology	Blood sugar & Diabetes	WB Monday 3 May 11x4 & 11x5 These assessment opportunities will take place over the week and will vary for different classes (students will be informed).
Cam Nat Health & Social Care	RO21 Assessment	Thursday 6 May (Mrs Hughes)
Cam Nat Health & Social Care	RO21 Assessment	Tuesday 11 May (Mrs Dover)
Cam Nat Health & Social Care	RO21 Assessment	Thursday 20 May (Mrs Hughes)
Chemistry	5.9 Chemistry of the atmosphere	Monday 10th May CHJ 11x1
Chemistry	5.8 Chemical analysis	Monday 17 May CHJ 11x1
Chemistry	Atmosphere	WB Monday 3 May 11x2, 11x5, 11y1, 11y4 & 11y5 These assessment opportunities will take place over the week and will vary for different classes (students will be informed).
Computer Science	Paper 2 Assessment	Tuesday 11 May (all)
Drama	NEA Filming	Wednesday 5 May – All classes
English Literature	Macbeth	WB Monday 10 May: These assessment opportunities will take place over two lessons so the dates will vary for different classes. (students have been informed).
GCSE Physical Education	Components of Fitness, Training Methods and Risk Assessment	Wednesday 12 May - All classes
GCSE Physical Education	Sports Psychology, Commercialisation, Ethical and Social Cultural	Friday 21 May – All classes
Geography	The UKs Evolving Physical landscapes – RIVERS	Tuesday 4 May 11y2 (AJE) 11D (ADS)
Geography	Challenges of an Urbanising World	Tuesday 4 May 11x1 (JLW)
Geography	The UKs Evolving Physical landscapes – RIVERS	Wednesday 5 May 11x2 (ADS)
Geography	Challenges of an Urbanising World	Friday 7 May 11x1 (AGB)

Geography	Challenges of an Urbanising World	Tuesday 11 May 11y2 (AJE)
Geography	Challenges of an Urbanising World	Wednesday 12 May 11D (ADS)
Geography	Challenges of an Urbanising World	Thursday 13 May 11x2 (ADS)
Geography	Challenges of an Urbanising World	Thursday 13 May 11y1 (JLW)
<b>Curriculum Subject</b>	<b>Assessment Title</b>	<b>Date of Assessment / Class / Teaching Group</b>
History	Medicine	Tuesday 4 May TJW 11Y/Hi3
History	Medicine	Thursday 6 May TJW 11Y/Hi3
History	Henry VIII	Tuesday 18 May TJW 11Y/Hi3
History	Henry VIII	Thursday 20 May TJW 11Y/Hi3
History	Medicine & Henry VIII	WB Monday 3 May These assessment will vary depending on the class unless stated. (Students have been informed).
History	Period 1750-1900	Wednesday 5 May Mrs Withey
History	Recall Assessment	Thursday 6 May Mrs Withey
History	Medicine	Friday 7 May Mrs Withey
Mathematics	Assessments	WB Monday 3 May These assessment will vary depending on the class. (students have been informed).
Physics	Speed	WB Monday 3 May 11x1 & 11x3 These assessment opportunities will take place over the week and will vary for different classes (students will be informed).
Physics	Speed	WB Monday 10 May 11X4
Physics	Exam Board Materials Assessment	WB Monday 17 May 11X1, 11x3 & 11x4 These assessment opportunities will take place over the week and will vary for different classes (students will be informed).
Religious Studies	Issues of Life & Death	Tuesday 4 May 11DRE1 Thursday 6 May 11CRE1
Religious Studies	Sikhism	Tuesday 11 May 11DRE1 Thursday 13 May 11CRE1
Religious Studies	Christianity	Wednesday 19 May 11DRE1 Friday 21 May 11CRE1