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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming programme of formal assessments for students in Years 7-10. These assessments will take place from **Monday 8th June to Friday 3rd July 2026**.

This round of formal assessments is exceptionally important. They play a crucial role in helping teachers accurately identify what students can do well and, more importantly, highlight any gaps in learning that need to be addressed. The information gathered from these assessments directly informs future teaching, targeted interventions, and the support provided to ensure all students make strong progress. For these reasons, it is vital that students prepare thoroughly and approach these assessments with a serious and positive attitude.

Students will attend an assembly on **Friday 22nd May during tutor time**, during which the assessment process will be clearly explained. This will include an overview of the timetable, expectations, and a strong emphasis on the importance of working hard and doing their best. Following this assembly, students will take part in tutor sessions focused on developing effective study skills.

English assessments will be completed at an earlier date. For year 8 and 9 these assessments will take place week commencing 18th May and for year 7, week commencing 1st June. Revision materials will be provided to the students, and electronic copies will be sent out prior to these assessments along with the date and lesson their assessment will take place.

In response to student voice from the previous assessment period, we have made important improvements to our approach. Students told us they would benefit from more structured time to develop study skills and complete meaningful revision. As a result, this assessment cycle includes increased time dedicated to revision techniques, exam preparation, and study skills, ensuring students feel better prepared and more confident than last time. If you haven't completed the survey, here is the link: [Parental survey - April 2026 – Fill out form](#)
Your feedback is much appreciated.



Dates:

English Assessments – Year 8/9 WC 18th May. Year 7 WC 1st June.

Friday 22nd May – Y7-10 Assembly (a virtual copy of the revision and skills booklet will be sent home on this day – please look out for this!)

Study skills/revision weeks - Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June

Assessments – Monday 8th June – Friday 26th June

We would be very grateful if parents and carers could support us by speaking with their child about the importance of these assessments. Encouraging them to complete all homework, revise regularly, and take pride in their effort will help them to perform well and achieve results they can be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to succeed.

Any queries please contact the email addresses below.

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Yours sincerely,

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