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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Assessment

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's learning throughout this period of school closure. We are so proud of the way that our students have adapted to learning online and are impressed each day as we see the work that they complete at home.

Will there be summer assessments this year?

As we near the end of the summer term, our students would usually be working hard preparing for assessments. This year, we cannot run assessments as we usually would due to the pandemic.

What will happen instead of assessments?

It is important that all of our students still have an opportunity to revise their learning from the year and to test their learning. While we will not run formal assessments, or produce grades or reports this summer, we have planned for all students to have an opportunity to consolidate their learning from the year and for teachers to find out what each of their students know in order to inform their teaching.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Big Quiz Week: 29 June – 03 July

During the week beginning 29 June, all Year 7, 8 and 9 students will complete a 'Big Quiz' on Show My Homework for each of their subjects. Teachers will plan revision lessons that will cover all topics from the year. Following these revision lessons, your child will have a Big Quiz to complete that will ask simple questions about all that they have learned.

Your child should not worry about the Big Quiz Week, but rather see it as an opportunity to show off what they know! Your child will not receive a grade or formal report from this quiz.

Year 10 Informal Assessments

Year 10 students will not complete formal mock exams this summer but will have an opportunity to complete an informal assessment in each of their subjects before the summer holiday. These informal assessments will provide an opportunity for all Year 10s to revise and consolidate their learning from the year and will provide useful feedback to teachers that will help them to plan their teaching for the coming terms.

Students will not be graded following these informal assessments but will receive feedback from their teachers that will support them in their learning.

How can I help my child to prepare for the Big Quiz Week or their Year 10 Informal Assessments?

The best way that all students can prepare for their Big Quizzes or Informal Assessments is by completing all of their lessons on Show My Homework as well as any additional revision tasks that they are set by their teachers. It is important that your child does not worry about the Big Quiz Week or their Year 10 Informal Assessments and that they remember that they will not be graded or given a report following these.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please call the academy and ask to speak with a member of the leadership team.

Yours faithfully



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