

22nd January 2018



Dear Parent / Carer

Year 10 Progress Check Assessments w/c 29th January 2018

The week commencing the 29th January is assessment week for year 10 students. Their current progress will be assessed across all of their subjects and this will form the basis for the second round of monitoring. As part of the process students will be completing Progress Check assessments in English, Maths, Science, History and Geography, these will all take the form of more formal exam style tests based on the papers that students will sit in Year 11. Assessments in these subjects have been externally set for use in all schools across the Multi Academy Trust. This will help moderate and standardise the grades awarded, giving students, parents and teachers a valid and accurate picture of current progress.

Teachers for all subjects will be making students aware of how and on what content they will be assessed in the lead up to assessment week; however included below is a summary of the assessments for the subjects mentioned along with how students can best prepare for these.

English:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	AQA English Literature Paper 1 - Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel - Section A: 'Romeo and Juliet' AQA English Language Paper 2.
The number and tariff of questions	1 question on 'Romeo and Juliet' (1 hour) 1 task - Question 5: The writing task. (45 minutes)
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students will have studied the text in class and there will be a specific focus on the scenes and characters that will be the focus of this assessment. They will have made flash cards and must use these to memorise key quotations and ideas. They will have completed similar tasks in class and the made flash cards of techniques they must use in their writing.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Parents can check if students have memorised the flash cards and are able to write the quotations and ideas without having checked for over an hour or longer. Students will have at least one task similar to the exam question at home this needs to be a timed (45 minutes) piece of writing. Parents can help to time the task and then the students can explain to parents the range of devices they have used to make their writing effective.

Maths:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	AQA GCSE Paper – Paper 2 Calculator
The number and tariff of questions	80 marks (Foundation 31 Questions & Higher 24 Questions)
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students will be having some revision lessons before the assessment and are encouraged to take extra work home before the assessment from the revision corner (Room 4).
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Ensure homework is complete and ask what they have learnt that week. Extra revision – www.corbettmaths.com

Science:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	There will be a Chemistry, Physics and Biology paper. They will contain all the topics they have covered so far this year.
The number and tariff of questions	There are a variety of questions from 1 mark to longer answer quality of written communication questions of 6 marks.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students will be provided with revision materials on the topics they have covered so far.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Ensure that revision materials have been used and tasks completed and that students have gone over their notes from class.

History:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	The assessment is 50 minutes and is based on the Paper 2 topic – Norman England 1066-1100 and will assess topics covered so far.
The number and tariff of questions	There will be five 8 mark questions and 4 marks for SPGT – total marks 44. There will be two interpretation evaluation questions.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students need to be clear on the advised approach to particular question styles, and how to structure responses. Students will receive condensed revision notes to use alongside their books.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Parents could assist by ensuring students use their History books to prepare revision materials like flash cards or mind maps.

Geography:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	It is taken from paper 1 'Living with the Physical Environment' and will cover all the work completed in Section A.
The number and tariff of questions	There are questions in total ranging from 2 mark source based questions to a 9 mark +3 SPAG 'assess' style question.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students books are fully marked and being taken home to revise. Students are encouraged to create their own revision resources such as mind maps, flash cards. There is a GCSE revision guide available to buy for AQA Geography 1-9.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Parents could assist by ensuring students use their Geography books to prepare revision materials like flash cards or mind maps. Early purchase of the revision guide would also be beneficial.

If you have any questions or queries or would like some additional information about the above please let me know.

Yours faithfully

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