

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Progress Check Assessments w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The weeks commencing the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June are assessment weeks for year 10 students. Their current progress will be assessed across all of their subjects and this will form the basis for the third and final round of monitoring. Most of these assessments will be conducted as mock examinations. As part of the process students will be completing Progress Check assessments in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Computer Science and Spanish, 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 the core subjects have been externally set for use in all schools across the 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 core and EBACC subjects along with how students can best prepare for these.

### English:

<b>What topics and learning will the assessment cover?</b>	Y10 will be taking English Language Paper 1 (Fiction reading response and creative writing task) and English Literature paper 2 ('An Inspector Calls' and Anthology poetry)
<b>What form will the assessment take?</b>	English Language Paper 1 = 1hr 45 minutes and English Literature paper 2 = 1 hour 30 minutes
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	The students have studied all texts in class and completed a range of examination style questions. They have flash cards and a book full of relevant notes.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	They need to learn the quotations and devices that are on the flash cards made at school. They may also wish to make extra flash cards at home and use their notes to write model answers to possible questions.

### Maths:

<b>What topics and learning will the assessment cover?</b>	The whole of the KS4 Maths PoS.
<b>What form will the assessment take?</b>	Three GCSE papers (1 non-calc, 2 calc). Each 1.5hrs in duration.
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	Lessons leading up to the mocks have/will focus on mixed topic revision to help prepare students for this, their first set of full mock papers.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	Students could go to a good revision website, such as 'Seneca', 'BBC Bitesize' or 'Churchill Maths'. They could discuss which topics they should revise also with their teacher.

## Science:

What topics and learning will the assessment cover?	Everything on the first half of the GCSE course, students have been given a sheet with topic areas on.
What form will the assessment take?	Complete Paper one's for Biology, Chemistry and Physics
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students have had a how to revise Science session where they were given revision materials including revision books. They will also have a weekly homework of exam questions to complete.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Encouraged to use SENECA learning at home to revise content and ensure homework is being completed.

## History:

What topics and learning will the assessment cover?	The Normans – everything studied in Year 9 Medicine and Health – Britain 1000-Present Day – everything studied in Year 9 and 10 Germany 1890-1945 The Kaiser's Germany, Weimar Germany and the 'Golden Years' only
What form will the assessment take?	Students will be set a mock exam. There will be a two hour paper for the Normans and Medicine topics The Germany paper will be one hour. Questions range from 4 marks to 16 marks.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students have been given a revision checklist and can revise from their class books. They also have access to their past assessments all of which were based around exam style questions.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Students could be encouraged to spend time going through the revision tasks provided and creating revision materials. There are also revision materials for this topic online at <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6</a>

## Geography:

What topics and learning will the assessment cover?	Paper 1. Living with the Physical Environment. Section A. The Challenges of Living with Natural Hazards Section B. The Living World Section C. UK Physical Landscapes
What form will the assessment take?	A full mock paper out of 88 marks lasting 90 minutes.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	All students have been provided with revision clocks so that they can condense their notes. This terms homework for Geography was to complete Seneca tasks. <b>Seneca Learning</b> – Online revision tasks ahead of the Paper 1 June Mock Exam. Use the link below to access the courses set by Mr Brennan, Mr Voice and Miss Scott. <a href="https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/ewzo7bpwv9">https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/ewzo7bpwv9</a> Students will be shown how to access this in lessons.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Check students' progress through Seneca Learning website Test students' knowledge Ensure that students are making revision materials such as flash cards and mind maps.

## Spanish:

<b>What topics and learning will the assessment cover?</b>	<p>Friends, family and relationships            Technology            Free time activities (including media/food/eating out/sport)            Healthy lifestyles            Festivals            Home and where you live            Charity and voluntary work            Healthy and unhealthy living            The environment/poverty/homelessness            Holidays and travel</p>
<b>What form will the assessment take?</b>	Spanish GCSE past questions on Theme 1 and 2 –Writing, Listening and Reading skills.
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	Students will have 2 revision lessons before the exam detailing what to revise and how to best do this. They will also have exemplar questions for practise. All revision material needed is in student exercise books. All students have access to the textbook via Kerboodle. This also provides a range of practise materials on Theme 1 and 2 in all skills.
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	Time and space for revision. Access to the internet for Kerboodle revision. <b>Please be aware that students need to revise all work from Y9 and Year 10.</b>

## Computing:

<b>What topics and learning will the assessment cover?</b>	All Core theory from Unit 1 (for paper one w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> June) and Unit 2 (paper two for w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June)
<b>What form will the assessment take?</b>	2 x 90 minutes GCSE past papers
<b>What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?</b>	<p>Moodle offers a massive wealth of revision resources.            Students can also use CraignDave YouTube channel for revision videos            Class folders with all past micro exams and model mark schemes can be used to practice exam technique and secure knowledge.</p>
<b>How could students be supported in their preparations at home?</b>	Set aside time to practice those areas from the RAG map that you feel need attention. Sit the focus exam questions and mark yourself. Rinse and repeat this process to strengthen these areas. Remember to use moodle based resources to support your learning.

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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