

8 November 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

### **Year 7 Assessment Block 1**

I am writing to inform you of the details of the Year 7 Assessments, which will take place between Monday 20 November and Friday 29 November 2023.

These assessments are extremely important, as they will provide teachers with an insight into individual student's knowledge and understanding on a range of specified topics.

#### ***Will there be an assessment in all subjects?***

Yes - all subjects will complete an assessment within this two-week period. However, not all subjects will have a written assessment. The practical subjects will be teacher assessed on their practical work.

#### ***What is the structure of the written assessment?***

Written assessments will be completed in normal classrooms within a 50-minute lesson.

Most written assessments will following the same structure of: -

Retrieval Topics (10 marks)	- to help assess students long term memory and may be based on key knowledge that was taught during the last academic year.
Key Knowledge Topics (10 marks)	- to assess some topics that students have been taught this term.
Application of Key Knowledge Topics (30 marks)	- to assess how students apply the key knowledge learnt. For example, this could be a question in context, a multi-step question or could be a longer written response.

#### ***Which subjects will have a written assessment and what topics will be assessed?***

Attached to this email/letter you will find a topic list outlining the topics that students will be assessed on in each subject. We would readily encourage parents to discuss this topic list with their child.

Individual departments will be supporting and providing resources to help students prepare for the assessments. These will be both in class and posted as home learning on satchel one.

The information about the Year 7 assessments has been shared with students this morning and they have all been given a paper copy of the attached topic sheet. An additional copy will be added to the Year 7 Microsoft Teams Channel and on Satchel One.

We hope that you will work with us in ensuring that your child approaches these assessments in a positive way.

Yours sincerely



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