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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Year 10 End of Year Formal Assessments**

As part of our ongoing programme of assessment, your child will be sitting internally set end of year assessments in a number of subjects. These assessments will be held later in the academic year than originally planned as we felt it important to ensure that students had as settled a return to school as possible following the period of lockdown.

The assessment period commences on Monday 21st June and will last for a week. These assessments enable students to consolidate the skills and content that they have covered this year and to demonstrate their progress. They are also hugely beneficial in getting all our students used to the formalities, rules and processes of the external examinations that they will have to sit when they reach Year 11.

It is vital that the students prepare fully for these assessments in order to provide us with as accurate information as possible with regards to their progress, as this supports teachers in being able to identify students who may benefit from additional intervention, those that require extra challenge and it can also be used to inform class setting where appropriate. For examined subjects in particular it provides an invaluable checkpoint, halfway through the course and supports students and teachers identify any areas for improvement as they embark on Year 11.

A copy of your child's exam timetable will be sent home in due course. Teachers will be sharing with students over the coming fortnight what content and skills they will need to be revising and they will be providing them with revision materials to support their preparation. I would encourage you to please check classcharts as many of these revision materials will be uploaded here. Students will be informed in an assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May about the end of year assessments and the expectations surrounding them and we would be grateful if, once their personalised timetable comes through, that you check that your child knows when and where their assessments are taking place.

The next few weeks are important to your child's future success and students will be busy preparing for the upcoming assessments in lessons. To support students in their revision, we will be running a "Victory Hour" every Tuesday and Wednesday after school in the library from 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. where students can come to revise with small groups of their peers and a member of the senior leadership team will be available to offer support and guidance. Refreshments will be provided. If students do stay for Victory Hour, please ensure that they have organised transportation home.





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I would like to thank you in advance for your support in working with us to help your child organise their revision and study regularly prior to these assessments to ensure that they perform at their very best.

If you have any questions regarding these end of year assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me [Hannah.rowlands@thedeanacademy.org](mailto:Hannah.rowlands@thedeanacademy.org).

Yours sincerely

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