



6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 7, 8, and 9 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 7<sup>th</sup> June and will last for much of June. 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, to support 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 Year 9 students it can be a particularly useful starting point as the students embark upon their GCSEs.

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. 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@thedeanaacademy.org](mailto:hannah.rowlands@thedeanaacademy.org).

Yours sincerely

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