

May 2024

## Year 10 Cycle 3 Assessments

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child upholds our core values of resilience, integrity, and courtesy to ensure our school is a place where everyone feels welcome, and everyone succeeds.

We are approaching Cycle 3 Assessments for Year 10. Students will complete assessments in all subjects and these will be held between **3 June and 21 June** (just after the half-term break). The majority of assessments will take place in the sports hall to support students with getting used to formal exam conditions and expectations.

At Dixons McMillan, we use assessment to make inferences about student progress and to ensure that all students receive the support they need. Teachers will analyse students' performance in these assessments in order to plan the most effective interventions in class. Students will receive their results in class, and you will receive a Cycle 3 Report in July with details of the GCSE or BTEC grade your child is currently working at, along with how this compares with the average year-group performance across the trust.

Please can you help your child to prepare for these assessments by

- Providing them with a quiet space to revise
- Discussing their Cycle 3 assessments with them
- Guiding them to use their revision material and 100% folders
- Talking to them about their concerns or fears.

Please see overleaf for the schedule of assessments and the topics they will cover. Your child will be given a more comprehensive revision checklist to support with their studies.

We would like to wish all our students the very best of luck and continue to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



**Lydia Gayle**  
Assistant Vice Principal



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Focus of Assessment and Topics to Revise</b>	<b>Date</b>
Drama	Performance skills and general knowledge	Practical assessment completed 23 May Written assessment: Wednesday 5 June
English Literature	An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol	Monday 3 June
English Language	Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Wednesday 5 June
Biology	Paper 1 (B1 – cell biology, B2 – organisation, B3 – Infection & response, B4 – Bioenergetics)	Friday 7 June
Spanish Reading	Theme 1+2+3 – use purple book questions to think about themes. (Family, Free time, Festivals, Town, Holidays, Education, Work)	Tuesday 11 June
Maths (Non-Calculator)	Edexcel Paper 1 – Non calculator Please refer to revision list and use given pass paper to revise	Wednesday 12 June
Spanish Writing	Opinions, reasons, past, present and future tenses for all topics	Thursday 13 June
Chemistry	Paper 1 (C1- Atomic structure & periodic table, C2- Bonding structure & properties, C3 – Quantitative Chemistry, C4- Chemical Changes, C5- Energy Changes )	Thursday 13 June
Spanish Listening	Same as Reading	Friday 14 June
Physics	Paper 1 (P1- Energy, P2 – Electricity, P3- Particle model of matter, P4 – Atomic structure)	Wednesday 19 June
RE	Christian Beliefs and Islam Practices 50 minute assessment	Wednesday 19 June
Geography	Paper 1. Natural Hazards, Living World and UK Physical Landscapes.	Thursday 20 June
History	Migrants to Britain, c.1250 - Present The Norman Conquest, 1065 – 1087 (1 hr 45 mins – complete GCSE Paper 1)	Thursday 20 June
RE	Christian Beliefs and Islam Practices 50 minute assessment	Friday 21 June
Maths (calculator)	Edexcel Paper 2 – Non calculator Please refer to revision list and use given pass paper to revise	Friday 21 June
DT	Component 1: Landmarks	Deadline Friday 21 June
Music	Development of music skills - Practice	Deadline Friday 21 June
Art	Component 1: Landmarks	Coursework submitted 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Sport	Component 2 Improving Sporting performance	Coursework submitted 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Computing	R095 Optional coursework unit	On going

