

September 2026

Dear Families,

Year 10 Cycle 1 Assessments

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 1 Assessments for Year 10. Students will complete assessments in all subjects and these will be held between **12 October and 16 October**. Assessments will take place in the Sports Hall this cycle under exam conditions.

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 1 Report in December with details of the percentage scored by your child, along with how these compare with the average year-group performance across the school.

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

- Providing them with a quiet space to revise
- Discussing their Cycle 1 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.

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

Yours faithfully,



Paul Murray
Vice Principal

Assessment Timetable:

- Your assessments will take place during week 7 (weeks commencing 12 & 16 October)
- Please familiarise yourself with your assessment timetable. Most assessments will take place in the sports hall following the set seating plan.

Week B		Mon 12 Oct	Tue 13 Oct	Wed 14 Oct	Thu 15 Oct	Fri 16 Oct
Cycle 1 Week 7 (w/c 12.10.26)	MM					
	P1					
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
	P2	ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1h 45 mins SPORTS HALL	SCIENCE: BIOLOGY 75m SPORTS HALL	SCIENCE: CHEMISTRY 75 mins SPORTS HALL	SPANISH Listening/READING 90 mins Sports Hall	MATHS: (50 mins Non Calc & 50 mins Calc) 100m SPORTS HALL
	P3					
	P4					
	LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	P5	RE 80 mins SPORTS HALL	SPANISH Writing 50mins Sports Hall	HUMS 50 mins SPORTS HALL	SCIENCE: PHYSICS 75 mins SPORTS HALL	
	P6					



Subject	What should I revise?
English	Language Paper 1. Use your 100% sheets to help with revision.
Maths	In maths, any topics on the National Curriculum could be seen on an assessment paper. Here are some suggested revision topics; algebra (expanding and factorising, solving equations, simplifying, substitution, co-ordinates), number (standard form, surds, fractions, percentages, ratio, types of number), geometry (area and perimeter, 3D shapes and volume, pythagoras and trigonometry, transformations, similarity), data (averages and range, graphs and charts, probability). Please use your 100% sheets and sparx to guide your revision.
Science	Biology B1 Cell Biology B2 -Organisation B3 – Infection & response B4 -Bioenergetics Chemistry C1 Atomic structure & periodic table C2- Bonding, structure & properties C4- Chemical Changes C5- Energy Changes Physics P1- Energy P2- Electricity P3 - Particle model of matter P4 - atomic Structure
Geography	Natural Hazards, using GCSE to describe maps and graphs, types of plate margin, managing climate change through adaptation and mitigation, causes of tropical storms, managing natural hazards (monitoring, prediction, planning, protection) DTM, TNCs - Royal Dutch Shell in Nigeria.
History	Viking Expansion, c.750 - c.1050
Spanish	Full GCSE content Theme 1: Identity & relationships, healthy living, school & work Theme 2: Free time, celebrations & customs, celebrity culture Theme 3: Travel & tourism, media & technology, where people live and the environment around us. <i>You must be able to justify opinions, as well as use past, present and future tenses</i>
RE	Islam Beliefs and Practices, Christian Beliefs
Vocational (Option Subjects)	Vocational subjects are working towards completing a component for their first live exam board submission. Cycle 1 scores will be their live mark as it is on the data collection date.

