

January 2026

Year 10 Mid Year Assessment

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.

In order to monitor progress, and intervene as appropriate we will be conducting some Assessments in February for Year 10. The aim is to ensure that all Students in Year 10 maintain a positive attitude towards their studies and that Staff are aware of any gaps which are forming and work with Students and Families to close these as early as possible.

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, in preparation for Cycle 3 Assessments in Summer 2026. In many cases these will be the grades which will go onto Post 16 applications and will be a good indication of the grades which can be expected at the end of Year 11.

Assessments will be taking place in the following subjects : - **English, Maths, Science, RE and Spanish.**

Details of which papers/topics the assessments will cover can be found attached to this letter along with details of when the assessments will take place. Assessments will take place in the Sports Hall (or separate rooms as appropriate) in exam conditions.

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

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

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 8 and 9 (weeks commencing 9th & 23rd February).
- Please familiarise yourself with your assessment timetable. Most assessments will take place in your usual classroom, at the normal lesson time (assessments in shaded cells will take place in the Sports Hall).
- Only the classes listed will be sitting the assessment at that specific time.
- Highlight your class code to show you when you will be sitting each assessment.

Week A		Mon 9 Feb	Tue 10 Feb	Wed 11 Feb	Thu 12 Feb	Fri 13 Feb	
	MM						
Cycle 2 Week 8 (w/e 9.02.26)	P1						
	P2						
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK		
	P3			Year 10 RE	Year 10 English	Trust Conference	
	P4						
	LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
	P5		Year 10 Spanish (Writing)				
	P6						
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK		
	P3			Year 10 Maths	Year 10 Science		
	P4						
Cycle 2 Week 9 (w/e 23.02.26)	LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
	P5						
	P6						
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK		
	P3			Year 10 Maths	Year 10 Science		
	P4						
	LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
	P5						
	P6						
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK		



Subject	What should I revise?
English	AQA Language Paper 2 – Writers viewpoints and perspectives
Maths	Algebra – Forming and Solving, Expanding and Factorising, Simultaneous Equations, Inequalities Number – Standard Form, Surds, Indices, Fractions, Percentages, Rounding and Estimation Data – Averages and Range, Graphs and Charts, Probability Geometry – Area and Perimeter, Volume and Surface Area, Angles, Pythagoras, Trigonometry, Transformations Proportion – Ratio, Direct and Inverse Proportion
Science	Biology B1 – Cell Biology B2 – Organisation B3- Infection & response B4 – Bioenergetics Chemistry C1 – Atomic structure & Periodic Table C2 – Bonding, Structure & Properties C3- Quantitative Chemistry C4 – Chemical Changes C5 – Energy Changes
Spanish	Family, free time, festivals, school and future plans Must be able to write in present, past and future tenses.
RE	Paper 1 - Islam

