

September 2025

Year 10 Cycle 1 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 1 Assessments for Year 10. Students will complete assessments in all subjects and these will be held between **6 October and 17 October**. Assessments will take place in classrooms 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 and 8 (weeks commencing 6th & 13th October).
- Please familiarise yourself with your assessment timetable. Most assessments will take place in your usual classroom, at the normal lesson time.
- 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 B		Mon 6 Oct	Tue 7 Oct	Wed 8 Oct	Thu 9 Oct	Fri 10 Oct
Cycle 1 Week 7 (w/c 06.10.25)	MM					
	P1	ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1h 45 mins SPORTS HALL	SCIENCE: BIOLOGY 75m SPORTS HALL	SCIENCE: CHEMISTRY 75 mins SPORTS HALL	A BAND SPANISH LISTENING (IN CLASS)	MATHS: CALCULATOR 90m SPORTS HALL
	P2					
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
	P3					SPANISH Writing 50mins Sports Hall
	P4					
	LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	P5	RE 50 mins SPORTS HALL	HUMS 50 mins SPORTS HALL	ENGLISH LITERATURE 50 mins SPORTS HALL		
	P6				B BAND SPANISH LISTENING (IN CLASS)	
Week A		Mon 13 Oct	Tue 14 Oct	Wed 15 Oct	Thu 16 Oct	Fri 17 Oct
Cycle 1 Week 8 (w/c 13.10.25)	MM					
	P1	SCIENCE: PHYSICS 75 mins SPORTS HALL				
	P2					
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
	P3					
	P4					
	LUN	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	P5	SPANISH READING 50mins Sports Hall				
	P6					



Subject	What should I revise?
English	<p>Literature: Revise Stave 1 of A Christmas Carol. This includes learning quotations, understanding what happens in this chapter of the story, and relevant context.</p> <p>Language: Revise language and structural methods.</p>
Maths	<p>10A1, 10A2 and 10B1 higher: Solving linear equations, Percentage problems, Expanding and factorising, Rearranging formulae, Bearings, Ratio, Volume of 3D shapes, Flow rate Error Intervals, Direct and inverse proportion, Probability, Co-ordinate geometry: midpoint, gradient, length of line, parallel and perpendicular lines, equation of lines Recurring decimals as fractions, Iteration, Angle problems , Vectors, Histograms, Venn Diagrams, Functions, Algebraic fractions</p> <p>10B2 and 10B3 foundation: Fractions, decimals and percentages, Factors and multiples, Converting units, Properties of 3D shapes, Money problems, Systematic listing, Ratio Probability, Area and perimeter, Speed, distance, time, Stem and leaf diagrams, Proportion, Transformations, Using calculators, Rounding, Angle problems, Plotting graphs, Solving equations, Percentage problems, Expanding and factorising, Rearranging formulae, Bearings, Volume of 3D shapes, Flow rate, Trigonometry, Simultaneous equations</p>
Science	<p>Biology - Cell biology, Organisation, Infection & response, Bioenergetics Chemistry - Atomic structure & periodic table, Bonding structure & properties, Chemical Changes (Only acids & alkali part), Energy Changes Physics - Energy, Electricity (Covered in Y7 & 8), Particle model of matter, Atomic structure</p>
Geography	<p>Section A - Natural hazards. GCSE structure and distribution of earthquakes and volcanoes. Natural causes of climate change. Climate change mitigation (renewable energy/international agreements/planting trees). Causes of tropical storms. Managing storms (monitoring, prediction, protection and planning) Section B - Economic World. Demographic Transition Model. Advantages and disadvantages of RDS as a TNC which closes the development gap.</p>
History	Viking Expansion
Spanish	<p>All students will sit a full foundation GCSE paper, and therefore this will include some unknown content. Students should be able to write in the Past, Present and Future tenses. Themes include: People, Health, Education, Work, Free time, Celebrations, Travel, Towns, Technology, Environment.</p>
RE	World Religions & Abrahamic religions key words.
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.

