

25th April 2023

Year 10 Cycle 3 Assessments

Dear Families,

Your child will complete Cycle 3 written assessments beginning Wednesday 14 June until Friday 23 June. As I am sure you appreciate, the examinations are extremely important, as they will show your child, yourselves and the academy, their progress and attainment. During this time, your child will also gain knowledge and understanding of this process in preparation for the external examinations next year. Please see below for your child's assessment dates and times:

Date	Assessment
Wednesday 14 June	RE- Christianity
Wednesday 14 June	English Language
Thursday 15 June	Science- Paper 1 Biology
Thursday 15 June	RE- Islam
Thursday 15 June	Maths- Paper 1 (Non-calculator)
Monday 19 June	Spanish- Listening and Reading
Tuesday 20 June	English Literature
Wednesday 21 June	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)
Wednesday 21 June	Science- Paper 2 Chemistry
Thursday 22 June	Science- Paper 3 Physics
Thursday 22 June	Spanish- Writing
Friday 23 June	Geography or History

*The Spanish exam on 22 June will finish at 14:55 for higher tier students with extra time.

All the exams outlined above will be sat under formal conditions in the Sports Hall. Students will also be sitting exams in other subjects during this period of time, but some will take place in classrooms. Exam results for all subjects will be shared with you following our usual reporting process.

Attendance over the assessment period will be vital for the success of your child. We expect your child to be present on 100% of the assessment days.

Although the academy has been preparing students for these exams in school, we are particularly keen to have your support during your child's preparation and throughout the exam period itself. Your child should work independently at home. Revising and managing a workload are key skills that your child will need to succeed at university, thrive in a top job or a real alternative and lead a happy and successful life. Top performing state, private and international schools all expect students to complete, at least, 15 hours of independent work each week throughout the year and significantly more in preparation for examinations.

Now that your child's Cycle 3 assessments are just weeks away, it is critical that they increase their revision time at home. To be successful, your child should spend at least 20 hours revising each week – a typical week could consist of 2 to 3 hours each weekday and 5 hours over the weekend. Key activities that your child should be doing when revising are:

- Self-quizzing – regularly testing against specific topics using flash cards with a question/prompt and answer.
- Completing past paper questions
- Chunking revision – spending a maximum of 45 minutes on any topic



Below is a list of ways that you can help your child during the run up and during the exam season:

- Help them organise a quiet area in which to revise.
- Test them on key facts or figures.
- Ask them to teach you different topics so that you can check their understanding.
- Ensure they are well rested the day before the exam and have plenty of sleep.
- Ensure they have a good breakfast on the morning of the assessment.
- Ensure they have all the equipment needed for school.
- Ask them how their exams went, take an interest, and help keep them calm.

If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or myself directly. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Miller
Vice Principal

