

7th May 2024

Dear families,

Year 10 Cycle 3 Assessments

I am writing to let you know that your child will soon be completing Cycle 3 assessments in all subjects. The core subject assessments will begin on 3rd June and take place over a 3-week period. After the assessments, you will receive a report with your child's score, as well as the average score for all students who completed the assessment, along with a percentile rank. As the assessments comprise of past GCSE papers you will also receive a grade. The report will have a guide to help families interpret the information. Your child will be supported with revision in both subject lessons and during advisory time however it is important that they are preparing at home too. Please find below a list of revision topics that your child needs to be familiar with for the assessments, along with dates and length of the assessments. All examinations will take place in the sports or assembly halls unless specified. Students will receive an individual exam timetable this week.

There will be an online exam support event for families and students on Teams next Thursday 9th May at 5.00pm. This will last for approximately 1 hour and a link will be shared with all families.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions on dmcvey@dixonsbk.com

Yours faithfully

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YEAR 10 Cycle 3 2023-24	Knowledge to be assessed	Additional information (length and date)
English	<p>Language Paper 1 Identifying relevant information (4 marks) Language analysis (8 marks) Structural analysis (8 marks) Evaluation (20 marks) Creative writing (40 marks)</p> <p>Literature Macbeth (30 marks) An Inspector Calls (30 marks) For both questions, students will need to know the plot, characters and themes of both texts. They will need to be able to recall quotations from across both texts and construct analysis paragraphs using these quotations independently.</p>	<p>English Language: Wednesday 5th June PM 1 hour 45 mins</p> <p>English Literature: Monday 3rd June PM 1 hour 45 mins</p>
Maths	<p>Maths Paper 1 - Non Calculator Maths Paper 2 - Calculator Geometry - Area and Volume, Angles, Circles, Cylinders, Pythagoras, Trigonometry Stats - Probability inc. Tree diagrams, Averages from tables, Diagrams (Scatter, Freq. polygon, Pie, CF, Box) Algebra - Solving, Expanding and Factorising, Sequences, Graphs Number HCF/LCM, Standard Form, Fractions and Percentages Equation of a Line</p>	<p>Maths P1 (non-calc): Wednesday 12th June AM 1 hour 30 mins</p> <p>Maths P2 (calc): Friday 21st June AM 1 hour 30 mins</p>
Science	<p>Biology Paper 1 (1hr 15) B1 - Cell biology, B2 - Organisation, B3 - Infection and Response, B4 - Bioenergetics</p> <p>Chemistry paper 1 (1hr 15) C1 - Atomic Structure and the Periodic table, C2 - Bonding, structure and properties of matter, C3 - Quantitative Chemistry, C4 - Chemical Changes, C5 - Energy Changes</p> <p>Physics Paper 1 (1hr15) P1 - Energy, P2 - Electricity, P3 - Particle model of matter, P4 - Atomic structure (radioactivity)</p>	<p>Science P1 Combined: Friday 7th June AM 1 hour 15 mins</p> <p>Science P2 Combined: Thursday 13th June AM 1 hour 15 mins</p> <p>Science P3 Combined : Wednesday 19th June AM 1 hour 15 mins</p>



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Spanish

Unit 1 - holidays
Unit 2 - school
Unit 3 - family / technology
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Spanish Writing: Thursday 13th June AM
Foundation: 1 hour
Higher: 1 hour 15 mins

Spanish Reading: Tuesday 18th June AM
Foundation: 45 mins
Higher: 1 hour

Spanish Listening: Tuesday 18th June PM
Foundation: 35 mins
Higher: 45 mins

Spanish Speaking
Photo Card + General Conversation

History

Migrants to Britain:
Unit 1 - Medieval migration (Flemish, Jews and Italian bankers)
Unit 2 - Early Modern migration (Huguenots, Palatines, Roma Gypsies, Jews, Hansa Merchants, Indians and Africans)
Unit 3 - Industrial migration (Irish, Italian, German, Jews, Africans, Indians and Chinese)

Living Under Nazi Rule:
Unit 1- Establishing a dictatorship
Unit 2 - Control and opposition
Unit 3 - Lives of German people Migrants and Nazi Germany Paper- 1 hour and 45 minutes

History: Thursday 20th June AM
1 hour 30 mins

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Geography	Paper 1 - Physical Geography Unit 1: Hazards - tectonic hazards and weather hazards Unit 2: Ecosystems - tropical rainforests and cold environments Unit 3: Coastal Landscapes of the UK	Geography: Thursday 20 th June AM 1 hour 30 mins
BTEC Enterprise	Component 1 Exploring Enterprises - Working at Grade LAA: Successful Enterprises and Entrepreneurs LAB: Market Research for Customer Needs and Competitor Behaviour LAC: Situational Analysis effects on enterprises.	Holistically Assessed.
BTEC Digital IT	Component 3 Effective Digital Practices LAA: Modern Technologies, LAB: Cyber Security LAC: Implications of Digital Systems	BTEC Digital IT: In class during exam period. 1 hour 30 mins
Computer Science	AQA Computer Science 8525 - Paper 2 3.3 Fundamentals of Data Rep 3.4 Computer Systems 3.5 Fundamentals of Computer Networks 3.6 Cyber Security 3.8 Ethical, Legal and Environmental Impacts including Privacy.	AQA Computer Science Paper 2: In class during exam period. 1 hour 30 mins
Food Technology	WJEC Hospitality and Catering AO1 The Structure of the hospitality and Catering industry - Types of establishment, types of service, rating schemes, suppliers, job roles and working conditions. AO4 Food related causes of ill health - Microbes, contaminants. allergies and intolerances. Role of the EHO Food safety legislation Symptoms of food related ill health	WJEC Hospitality and Catering: In class during exam period. 1 hour 30 mins
Art	Assessment in Art is marked against the four assessment objectives. These are research and development of ideas, exploration of media, process and techniques, skill and annotation and the development of a personal response that must be linked to their research.	No assessment.
Technology	Photography: Assessed on Research and response to Optical illusions. Work is presented in folder and written feedback given for both elements. Students will have five pieces of feedback one for each half term of study.	No assessment.



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PE	Components of physical fitness and components of skill related fitness, and their impact on sports performance. Open and closed skills, and their space within a coaching session.	No assessment.
Drama	Students are introduced to numerous Drama Practitioners, using their methods to devise drama. Students study a set play and learn and research how theatre is made. The students then use these skills to move onto devising a chosen monologue, where they implement the Practitioners methods and vocal and physical skills.	No assessment.