



To: All Parents and Carers
By email / website

Friday 2nd December, 2022

RE: Year 8 and Year 10 internal assessments

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to apologise for the confusion regarding the upcoming Year 8 and Year 10 assessments that are due to start on Monday 5th December and end on Friday 16th December. These exams will be sat in exam conditions and will be conducted in pupil classrooms during the school day. The Year 8 assessments are designed to assess pupils on knowledge and content they have learned for September and the Year 10 assessments are based on national standards to prepare them for their upcoming GCSEs next year.

As you are aware, we have transitioned to the Harris Federation and there have been some challenges adapting to the new systems. Most of our assessments are now centralised and set by the Federation. This has increased the rigour of the assessments but it means that they have not been set by the teachers and, therefore, they do not necessarily know what is on the assessment paper. We can confirm though that pupils will be assessed on content they have learned from September.

Teachers will continue to provide pupils with revision materials in class before their assessments but we have not been able to provide Centralised assessments at this time.

We are sorry again for the confusion and we would like to thank you for bearing with us whilst we work out these teething issues. We are working hard to rectify this situation and we will ensure that this does not happen again.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Martin

Assistant Principal