



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 and Year 12,

Re: Year 10 and 12 Assessment Summer 2020

Given the current exceptional circumstances, it is clear that the normal running of the summer term will be significantly disrupted. However, we will continue, as far as possible, to provide appropriate structure and support for students, as outlined in the letter you received from Mr Serrão, Mr Atkinson and Mrs Pittaway today.

We believe it is still important that students consolidate their learning as they would have done during the summer term. As a result, departments will still be setting Year 10 and Year 12 Assessments during the Summer Term which will help them to gauge students' progress. Assessments provide students with a framework, a focus and an opportunity to share the knowledge and skills they have learnt since 'lockdown' began. In addition, it is vital that teachers get an understanding of where students are with regards to their knowledge and skills for their GCSE and A Level subjects.

As I am sure you will understand, these assessments will differ from 'in school' assessments as they will be completed in unconventional assessment conditions. With students' wellbeing in mind, the format of the assessment, timings and submission process will be amended. These assessments, however, remain as important as ever and do need to be completed by students. Assessments will commence on June 22nd. The two weeks prior to this will be revision weeks during which teachers will set structured revision activities on the Distance Learning timetable. We will write to you with an assessment timetable after half term to enable the student to prepare and manage their time sufficiently.

Year 10 and Year 12 Half Term -Week commencing 25th May 2020

The weight of Distance Learning for our examination students has been necessary to cover the curriculum but we are aware it is now time to pause and allow a period of consolidation. Next week there will be no work set for our students in Years 10 and 12 as we recognise the need for the pupils to have a break from the structure of Distance Learning. Instead some students may choose to use this time to:

1. Review their learning since lockdown
2. Complete independent study to consolidate their learning on key areas that are less secure
3. Complete any unfinished work
4. For each subject make a list of topics:
 1. a) they are confident about
 2. b) they are unsure of some parts
 3. c) they need a lot of support with

Number four, will be important preparation for the possibility of face-to-face support in future

Exact details of each subject's assessment will be communicated to students via ClassCharts on the Distance Learning timetable on June 1st for Year 10. Year 12 pupils will receive a separate document outlining the details of the

assessments including a timetable and checklist of topics from Ms Gershon in the week commencing June 1st. Thank you for your continued support. We will update you with further details in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



Ms A Thomas
Assistant Principal