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Re: SRo/LT

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Dear Parents

As you may be aware from the school calendar, the Year 10 Assessment Week begins on Monday 10 January. Students will be provided with a timetable so that they are aware of what assessments they have on each day: this will be emailed to students and posted on their Google Classroom before students break up for the Christmas holiday.

Please note that due to the distribution of lessons across the 2-week timetable some assessments may be held in the following week; this will be made clear on the timetable.

All of the assessments will be held in the classroom and will be approximately 45 minutes long. Students that normally have extra support and access arrangements in place will receive these for these assessments. All students will be provided with advice and guidance on how to prepare for the assessments from their subject teachers both in lessons and on Google Classroom to help them prepare.

These are an important set of assessments for allowing us to see how students have settled into their GCSE courses and the progress they are making. Your support and encouragement in helping your child to be successful in these assessments is vital. You can help them by:

- encouraging good sleep habits;
- ensuring they eat healthily and get exercise and fresh air;
- working with them to set up positive routines with their revision.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that as part of a restructuring of staff I will be the Assistant Headteacher in charge of Year 10 from January and Ms Bucke will be their pastoral manager. Having worked with these students throughout Year 9 we have positive relationships with them and are looking forward to supporting them moving forward.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Robinson
Assistant Headteacher

