

Dear SBL Year 11 student

Year 11, Term 5

As I'm sure you are aware, Term 5 is to be a really important term for you as we finalise our collection of evidence to ensure you receive the grades you deserve in your GCSEs and vocational qualifications. As you're already aware, your teachers will be using this time to assess you during lessons so that we can determine your grades accurately. In the main, this evidence will be collected through a series of short in-class assessments. If you have completed non-examined assessment work in any subjects, for example projects or performance assessments, these may also be counted.

It is important that, as a school and trust, we are professional, robust and fair in our approach to determining your grades. For this reason, teachers have been working hard to design a set of high-quality assessments to ensure you are assessed over a broad range of what you have been taught. We are certain that you will obtain the grades you have worked hard for, and that you will not be disadvantaged in any way. Further information from the national Joint Council for Qualifications can be found here: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

In order to help you prepare, we have built a timetable that also shows the topics covered in each of the assessments. This will provide you with the best opportunity to focus your revision over the Easter period and into Term 5. Click the link below or go to the 'Exams' section of our website.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQeyQ2lqC_SnDvuPN6erqJm2SOSFdt2e_Syymrb2WBRkw7VeiftBIL8gSd8eWjaoAOremxMGQd_JH5z/pub

Your teachers will be able to support your preparation through revision in lessons as you build towards your assessments, and we know you have been well prepared for this already in the content delivered across this year.

If you miss an assessment for a good reason, for example illness or self-isolation, we will ensure you are able to take the assessment on another day. If you know you would have had special 'access' arrangements in public examinations, our SEND team will be working to ensure that you have the support so that you can do your best.

Please don't forget to make the most of the excellent revision materials and activities that are available to you through our subscriptions to websites such as Tassomai, GCSEPod and our own subject sites.

We know that this year has presented your year group with a number of challenges and would like to take this opportunity once again to say how well you have responded and for your continued focus and resilience. We know you will continue to put that effort in to revision and preparation and that is absolutely the right thing to do, but please also remember to take some time to relax and look after yourselves across the Easter break.

Yours faithfully



Mr S White
Vice Principal