



11th October 2021

Dear Parents

We will soon be approaching the first assessment period for students in Years 7-10 and I'd like to take the opportunity to give you an overview of how assessments will take place this year, and how the information collected will be used by the school.

Assessments will take place at five points throughout the school year and will be used to inform each of the three reports that will be issued to students and parents across the course of the year, towards the end of each full term. For each round of assessments, students and parents will be made aware of the assessment timetable in advance and given time to prepare for these both at home and at school. Where a child is unavoidably absent from any assessments, they will be required to complete these upon their return to school. These assessments play a critical role in ensuring that your child's progress and development are being monitored and appropriately supported throughout their time at Jubilee High School.

All students in Years 7-10 will complete short assessments in each of their subjects during their timetabled lesson. The grades awarded will be used in their first set of school reports, which will be issued the week of 13th December 2021. The assessments tasks themselves will be based on the learning completed since our return to school in September. Heads of Department will review these assessments to identify any 'gaps in knowledge' that remain following the lockdown period and will adapt their curriculums to ensure these gaps are filled and to secure your child's progress in their subject.

Key dates for assessment and reporting for the coming year are:

	Assessment Week/s	Reports Issued
Autumn	Monday 15 th - Friday 26 th November 2021	w/c Monday 13 th December 2021
Spring	Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th January 2022 Monday 7 th - Friday 11 th March 2022	w/c 28 th March 2022
Summer	Monday 9 th -Friday 13 th May 2022 Monday 20 th – 25 th June 2022	w/c Monday 11 th July 2022

In addition to the above, students in Years 7 and 8 will sit a series of Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) during the November assessment period. The purpose of the tests is to assess three main skills linked to learning and the information gathered will help us ensure that students are being challenged and guided appropriately in their learning.

I hope this clarifies matters regarding the assessment and reporting process for the year ahead and I'm confident that you will continue to support your child and the School. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or check the website for information.

Kind regards

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