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Dear Parent/Carer

**Sixth Form Assessment Week**

The first Assessment Week of the academic year commences next week. It will take place from Monday 17 October to Friday 4 November (half-term falls in between).

The assessments will consist of short tasks and/or tests, which include topics covered this term, which will be completed under examination conditions. Teachers have already begun briefing students about these assessments and Tutors have been discussing assessments and revision during morning Tutor Time. It is important to us that our students feel calm and confident, yet well prepared for this first Assessment Week.

It is not designed to 'catch out' any students. The opposite, in fact, is true. It is designed to gain a snapshot of students' current attainment in order to identify and support those who need additional help to make expected progress, or those students where we may need to discuss their choice of courses.

We hope that you will encourage your child not to worry and remind them that they can use a range of visual, auditory and kinaesthetic strategies to revise. These can include devising checklists, creating posters, using cue cards, recording themselves speaking aloud, then listening to this recording, watching relevant clips, teaching others, using past questions and practice papers or finding useful resources on the internet. Clearly students can be using their timetabled Silent Study lessons to do this, as well as any additional study time at home. As a minimum guide, students should be spending four hours per week per subject outside of their lessons studying. For a student taking three courses, this therefore equates to a minimum of twelve hours of private study outside of lessons.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully

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