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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share information with you that we have also given Year 10 students in their assembly this week about their end of year assessments.

Year 10 students will have non-core subject assessments in lessons in the last 2 weeks of this half-term (11th - 22nd May) and core subject exams in the sports hall on Monday 22nd June. When not in exams, students will have normal lessons.

These exams aim to further familiarise students with written exam processes and rooms; check any access arrangements and give them useful feedback on their revision and knowledge so far.

Students will be given a copy of a revision timetable which they should populate with the specific dates of their non-core subject exams. Teachers will share this information in lessons and also on SatchelOne alongside subject specific revision guidance and resources. Tutors will also be guiding students to help them populate their revision timetable with the times of their own independent revision sessions at home.

Whilst there are various revision tasks that can be used, from making and using mind maps and flash cards to completing and marking past paper questions, an important aspect of revision is the 'little and often' approach. The Pomodoro Technique is a time management method in which you do focused work during 25-minute intervals — known as pomodoros — and take a five-minute break. This method works well for many students because the focused sessions, with frequent short breaks, promote sustained concentration and stave off mental fatigue.

You can find out more about the Pomodoro Technique and other useful revision techniques and resources via the links below.

Pomodoro technique <https://todoist.com/productivity-methods/pomodoro-technique>

Learning Scientists have a really good website with downloadable materials on retrieval practice and other study techniques to improve learning. <https://www.learningscientists.org/>

Seneca is a free revision website which covers all school subjects. There are sections for students and parents. <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Please can you also support us by checking that they have the correct equipment in their pencil cases for assessments: a pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator, compass and protractor will be required.

The results from these assessments will be shared in the final report of the year in July.

Finally, if you have any questions please do get in touch with myself or Mrs Lindsay (Head of Year).

Best wishes,

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Assistant Headteacher