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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Assessment Topics

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you about the upcoming topic tests that Year 11 students will be taking after half term.

As part of our ongoing assessment process, students in Year 11 will be given a series of topic tests between now and the end of the year that will form part of their final grade alongside historical assessment data from Year 10 and 11 and any coursework elements. This will replace any notion of a central formal "Mock Week". The first set of topic tests will be taking place the week beginning the 15 March. These tests will be hopefully completed in school but we are also planning for online delivery if students have yet to return. Assessments will be conducted in normal lesson time.

As a school, we feel that these topic tests are a more appropriate format of assessment under current circumstances. Tests will be completed in most subjects, but not all, and will be a maximum of 50 minutes in length. Students that would normally have extra time in an exam will still be entitled to this in these tests. Students will always be informed about the topics covered for each test. This is to give them time to revise over the next few weeks before taking the tests. Teachers are also building in time in their lessons to cover revision and revisit appropriate content. This first set of topic tests will only cover content covered before the school was closed before Christmas.

It is important to note that these tests in isolation do not inform Teacher Assessed Grades. Rather they are a piece in the larger "jigsaw" of assessments conducted over a wider period of time that build a holistic view of student ability and understanding. Although Government consultation over processes to be used to generate Teacher Assessed Grades has been completed, we are yet to receive confirmation of the outcome of these discussions.

I felt it was important to include a list of each of the topics that will be covered for you to see as well.

If you have any questions about these tests or anything else, please feel free to email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible

Yours sincerely

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