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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. We would like to remind you of some important information for families with children in Year 11 and update you on the upcoming Assessment Weeks for students in Years 7–10 at Bournville Academy.

GCSE exams

Year 11 students are currently completing their GCSE examinations, and the importance of these assessments cannot be overstated. They play a crucial role in shaping each student's educational journey, influencing future opportunities, and preparing them for the demands of further education and the wider world of work. We are pleased to see that Year 11 students are taking their exams seriously and demonstrating great resilience throughout this period. Their commitment and determination are evident, and we want to ensure they are fully supported in the weeks ahead.

It is essential that your child attends school every day and arrives punctually for every exam. While in school, teachers are continuing to prepare students through their normal timetabled lessons as well as after-school masterclasses. Students must attend in full school uniform and always follow the school's behaviour policy. Failure to meet expectations may result in certain privileges planned for Year 11 after the exam period being withdrawn for individual students.

Year 10 mock exams

Our Year 10 students will begin to complete Mock assessments in all their examination subjects; these begin on Wednesday 17th June and will continue until Wednesday 24th June. These assessments are vital, helping students understand the exam format, identify strengths and areas for improvement, and build confidence for Year 11. Teachers will use the results to plan support and identify any gaps in learning.

Students have already been given revision resources and should be using these daily to prepare. Attendance is essential, as the information from these assessments will help determine tiers of entry and groupings for Year 11. If a student misses an exam, they will be required to complete it after school, and we appreciate your support with this.

Assessment period - Years 7-9

Years 7–9 will begin their BASE assessments week commencing 1st June when they will complete their English assessments during their lesson. Week Commencing 8th June students will complete their design and technology, music and art assessments. The remaining subjects will take place on the 17th, 18th and 19th June. During this time, students will be assessed on the material they have been learning throughout

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the school year. These assessments are designed to measure how well students have secured the knowledge and skills outlined in the curriculum. A detailed assessment schedule, including subjects and timings, will be shared with students in advance and will also be available on the school website. We encourage you to support your child by helping them review their study materials and maintain a regular revision routine.

To enable students to complete the assessments in a timely manner, the Academy will be adjusting the school day for all students in Years 7 to 10.

On Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June, the day will begin at the normal time of 8.30am but will finish at a slightly earlier time of 2.15pm.

For any student unable to leave at this time we will provide a space to study and prepare for their next assessment or complete any additional work that they need to do.

Excellent attendance is essential during this period. If your child is unwell or experiencing exceptional circumstances, please contact the school as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. It is vital that these assessments are completed, your child may be required to attend sessions after school to catch up with any missing assessments.

Assessment results will be communicated to you when reports are completed and year 10s will have their mock results shared with them in school. We encourage you to provide your child with a supportive and nurturing environment during this period.

As an Academy, we endeavor to support our students to achieve their full potential and value the support you give. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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