

6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As you are aware, Year 11 and Year 13 students have started their assessment fortnight this week. For the next week they will be following their exam timetable, returning to their normal timetabled lessons when not sitting assessments. For reference, a link to the timetable can be found here:

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/exam-information/assessment-series/>

From the 13<sup>th</sup> November, students will move in line with the rest of the school where all year groups will be completing assessments. For this week only, the school day will be split into three 90-minute sessions, with an early finish for students of 2:35pm. During this week, when students are not completing timetabled assessments, they will be revising independently.

We wanted to take this opportunity to communicate the message that we have reiterated to students: they must ensure that they arrive to school on time in full school uniform, and with the correct equipment. We appreciate your support in ensuring that this is the case.

The list of equipment required by all students is listed below:

Students will need to bring in:

- **A fully charged iPad** each day. Some of the assessments are online and students will not be able to access them without their device.
- PE kit on the day they have a PE lesson.
- Black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, protractor, compass and a calculator. We will not be able to loan equipment to students.
- A set of **wired** headphones which are compatible with their iPad.
- For specific subject assessments students may be required to bring in other equipment such as colouring pencils or musical instruments. At no point will students be required to bring in props for drama performances.
- Students will have revision material available to them via Showbie and or Go4S. Subjects can also provide knowledge organisers for the topics we have covered in school. Students can also bring in revision guides and material to use during preparation time.
- A reading book.

Following the assessment series, students will have an Upgrade Fortnight starting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. During this fortnight, students will have the opportunity to respond to teacher feedback and target their areas of underperformance following their examinations. In addition to this, targeted intervention sessions will be happening after school, during tutor time, and, for Year 11, during four bespoke Saturday school dates (18<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December and 9<sup>th</sup> December). Your child may receive an invitation to attend one of these events, and we would ask you to support us in confirming their attendance. Please be aware that our intervention focus changes throughout the academic year so if your child does not receive an invitation to this first round of sessions, they may be selected for a more appropriate session later on in the academic year. In the meantime, please encourage your child to speak to their class teacher if they have any questions about their academic progress.

Yours faithfully,

The Leadership Group