

Wednesday 5th February

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, from the 3rd March all year groups will be completing internal assessments as part of our second Assessment Series. 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 the Assessment Week, when students are not completing timetabled assessments, they will be revising independently.

Key Dates

- **Assessment Series 3:** Wednesday 18th June – Friday 27th June
- **GCSE Religious Studies Exams Paper 1:** Tuesday 13th May (AM)
- **GCSE Religious Studies Exams Paper 2:** Wednesday 21st May (PM)

Assessment Week Timetable

Your child will be creating an individual assessment timetable with their tutor that they will then be able to share with you. Students will be sitting their Religious Studies mock exam paper on Wednesday 4th March in the hall under JCQ regulations. Further information about the JCQ regulations can be found on the school website or by following this link <https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/exam-information/exam-notices/>

Information about the content covered in each assessment can be found on your child's Go4S from Tuesday 11th February.

Equipment

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.

All students are required to bring the following equipment:

- **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 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 may also provide knowledge organisers for the topics we have covered in school. Students can also bring in their own revision guides and material to use during preparation time.
- A reading book.

Following the assessment series students will have an Upgrade fortnight during which they will have the opportunity to respond to teacher feedback and target their areas for improvement following their examinations.

From Tuesday 25th March you will be able to see your child's progress and the outcomes of each assessment live on Go4Schools. Further information on how to access this information will be sent closer to the time.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year group leaders.

Yours faithfully

The Leadership Group