

Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

As we move into a well-earned break from live lessons and distance learning for our students, we just wanted to share our sincere gratitude. Here at Chorlton High we admire honesty above all and if we are honest, it has been a challenging 6 weeks for us all. We have missed having our students in school, but seeing students and teachers working together online each day has been truly uplifting.

As you are aware, the Government has confirmed that students will continue with their home learning for at least the first two weeks of next half term. We are expecting no further announcement regarding the reopening of school until first week back. We will update parents as soon as we know anything more.

Following the half-term break on **Monday 22nd February**, Year 11 will be starting their Spring Assessments. The purpose of these assessments is to allow us to effectively evidence all of the hard work that Year 11 have put into their learning both in school over the Autumn term and also remotely over the past 6 weeks. Students have been issued with detailed revision lists to support their preparation for assessments and have been directed to materials on MS Teams by their class teachers.

Key points:

- Spring Assessments will take place online following the timetable attached.
- There will be no live lessons for this week except for Maths during their sessions on the timetable. Free sessions should be used for revision as set out by class teachers on MS Teams.
- Students should check their timetable each morning, so they know their assessments for the day and their timings.
- Students **must** attend the Year 11 Assembly **every day** at 8:45am for key messages.
- All assessments will be issued via 'ASSIGNMENTS' on Teams. Check the video below for further detail. <https://www.loom.com/share/a25bdd943f924fe28a88f2fd851c9c39> (open using Google Chrome).
- Assignments are timed as per the timetable. Students will not be able to submit their assessment past the 'close time'. A buffer has been added here to allow for technical issues.
- If students experience any technical issues during the exam, please contact the named person on the timetable or Year 11 team via the chat function on MS Teams.
- Access arrangements are in place for those students who are entitled to them.
- When students are completing their assessments, we have advised them that they need to be in a quiet space, ideally with no other distractions and as per usual assessment protocol away from their mobile phones.

You can find all information relating to Spring Assessments on the school website under the Student Life tab: (<https://www.chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk/student-life/assessment-and-reporting/year-11-mock-exams>).

If you or your child have any concerns specifically relating to the Spring Assessments, please contact Alice Girault, Assistant Headteacher for Year 11 or Jamila Sarwar, Head of Upper School. We understand that this is a new process for students completing online assessments, but support will be in place for every exam to overcome any technical issues which may arise.

It is a difficult time for our families for a myriad of reasons and we wanted to remind you that our website has a wealth of information regarding the support that is available, so please do check this out if you have any concerns.

The next planned letter from the school will be Friday, 26th February.

Tomorrow you will receive our Chorlton Connection. Please check this out as it celebrates the amazing things our students have been up to over the course of the last couple of weeks.

Stay safe and thank you!

Chorlton High School

