



4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### KS4 Year 13 Assessment

I hope this letter finds you well at this time. As you may be aware at the academy, we complete assessments throughout the year. The reason for completing these assessments is to allow students to demonstrate their understanding of the subject matter that has been taught.

Assessments allow teachers to evaluate whether their curriculums and lessons are meeting the needs of the students they are teaching. Most importantly assessments allow teachers to identify gaps in learning that students may have and then put in place interventions to address these gaps in knowledge.

Once teachers have identified whole class and individual gaps in knowledge, they will address these with a week of reteaching, to ensure students understand all subject content before moving on to the next topic of work. This means students will not fall behind as they progress through the academic year.

To help students' parents/carers with these assessments we have decided as an academy that we will have fixed dates for them across the academic year. This will ensure that you know when your child will be completing assessments and can work with your child helping them to prepare. In addition, if students know when their assessments will be they are able to prepare revision materials plan for these assessments and take some responsibility for their learning.

As the students are in Key Stage 4 there will be a set of assessments which will be sat in the sports hall, these will be the students' mock exams. These are completed like this to help students familiarise themselves with exam conditions, in the setting where they will complete their final GCSE exams.

The dates for these assessments will be:

Date
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November (Mocks)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November (Mocks)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March

Once students have completed assessments, they will be marked by teachers and then reported to parents/carers through the Bromcom App.

At Key Stage 4 you will receive six reports across the academic year. These reports will give you an ATL (Attitude to Learning) score where 5 is the highest and 1 being the lowest where improvement is needed. Your child will be given a current grade which will be the grade they achieved in the assessment they completed.



These reports will indicate whether homework completion is an issue for your child and if needed teachers will identify topics that they should focus their work on.

Teachers will analyse the results of individual students and classes identifying any weak areas that can be addressed through intervention strategies.

If you have any issues regarding these assessments, please get in touch with your child's year team using the following email address: [year13staffteam@tscacademy.org.uk](mailto:year13staffteam@tscacademy.org.uk)

We do hope this helps you to be informed about assessments happening throughout the academic year and reassures you that there is extensive support to help students prepare.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Allott".

Scott Allott

Team Director of Curriculum Vocation