

## KEY STAGE 4 ASSESSMENT

### Curriculum

Each faculty has an appropriate curriculum plan and assesses students against our school policy. Students are assessed on the content that they have been taught since the start of the year/course to the point of data collection. You can view each subject's long term plan which includes the key assessments and content on our school website under Curriculum.

All subjects assess students to identify and address gaps in their knowledge, to best secure key learning and ensure progression through the curriculum for all students.

Year 10 students are formally assessed at 3 points during the year. The calendar for the assessment points are as follows:

Key Events	When	Information
<b>Data Collection 1 (DC1)</b>	In class assessments 17 <sup>th</sup> October to 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessments are a mixture of project work and assessments all done in class during lesson time. Revision materials are posted on google classrooms to support students with their preparation.
<b>Data Collection 2 (DC2)</b>	Mock Exams. 23 <sup>rd</sup> January to 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	These assessments are more formal and take place in the sports hall for the majority of students.
<b>Data Collection 3 (DC3)</b>	Mock Exams. 19 <sup>th</sup> June to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	These are the formal End of Year 10 Mock Exams, taking place in the sports hall for the majority of students.
<b>Progress report sent home</b>	Weeks commencing: 22/11/22 06/03/23 17/07/23	Progress reports contain information on how your child is progressing towards their target grades along with their Attitude to Learning, Attendance and Punctuality.

Year 11 students complete mock exams which are used to measure their progress towards their summer exams. The calendar is as follows:

Key Events	When	Information
<b>Data Collection 1 (DC1)</b>	Mock exams. 14 <sup>th</sup> November to 24 <sup>th</sup> November	These are formal assessments that take place in the sports hall for the majority of students in preparation for their GCSE exams.
<b>Data Collection 2 (DC2)</b>	Mock Exams. 27 <sup>th</sup> February to 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b>GCSE exams</b>	May to June.	These are the external exams taken in the sports hall for the majority of students.
<b>Progress report sent home with mock results</b>	Weeks commencing: 19/12/22 17/04/23	Progress reports contain information on how your child is progressing towards their target grades along with their Attitude to Learning, Attendance and Punctuality.

### Reporting to parents

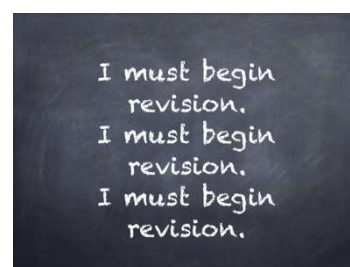
We report the data collected to parents in the subsequent weeks after each data collection along with specific next steps on how your child can improve even further.

Please support and encourage your child with their revision in the run up to assessments.

Below are some revision strategies and go to websites that your child should be using at home to support with their preparation for assessments.

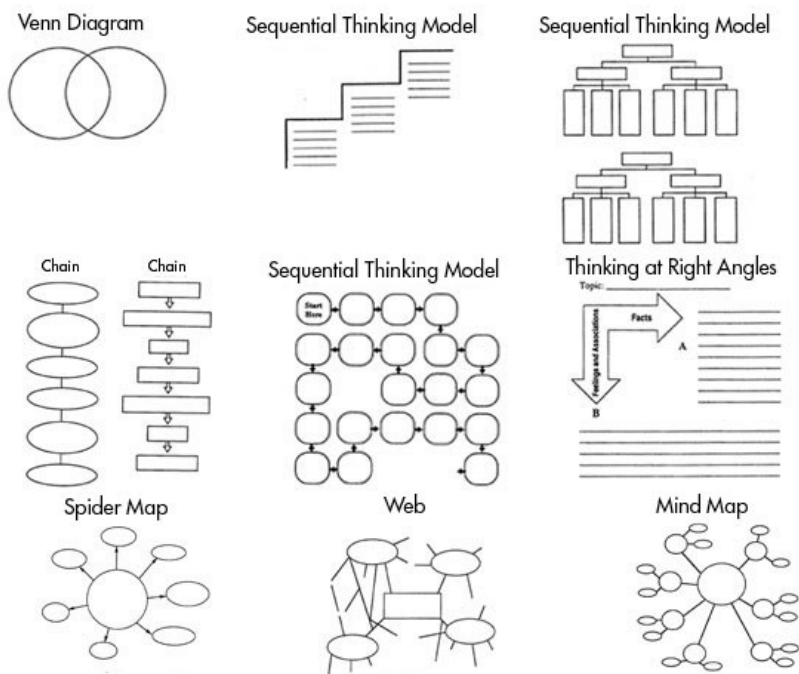
### Revision strategies

**Quizzing.** Good old fashioned quizzing is an ideal vehicle to get students **self-testing**, which is proven to be a robust revision strategy, so that students can calibrate their knowledge and remembering.



**Flashcards.** Flashcards are a very familiar tool used by students. Create your cards and test yourself regularly.

**Graphic organisers.** Students need to be active in revision, not just reading their notes and doing some colouring in with a rainbow of highlighters. Graphic organisers are a handy vehicle to get students reconstructing their revision topics, making meaningful links and connections.



**Past questions,** students need to practice examination questions, over and over, well spaced over time. The effect of exploring worked examples or exam answers, as well as writing their own, helps students process, practice and refine their revision to meet the parameters of exam success.

### Websites

Here are some of the websites we recommend or use in school:

- [www.vle.mathswatch.com](http://www.vle.mathswatch.com)
- [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

### Google Classrooms

[www.classroom.google.com](http://www.classroom.google.com)

Your child should be familiar with google classrooms. Live lessons were taught through google classrooms during the lock down last academic year. Your child is included in a google classroom for each of their subjects. This is where subject teachers may post homework, catch up work, exit tasks, assessments and revision materials.