



Moorside High School

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22nd November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, the Year 10 Assessments are taking place between Monday 5th and Friday 16th December 2022. The full assessment timetable is available on our website, along with a comprehensive revision list to support your son/daughter in their preparation.

Assessment is integral to high quality teaching and learning. It helps us to ensure that teaching is appropriate and that students are making expected or better than expected progress

Revision really helps students consolidate learning, builds their confidence, and embeds the core knowledge they will need for future success in these subjects. There is no such thing as being 'bad at revision' - it is a skill that needs lots of practice for students to become efficient at it and it takes time – the main thing is to persevere and use the techniques recommended by the subject teachers which are tried and tested, and often also supported by research into memory and retrieval. Revision at home is important, but it is equally important not to over-do-it. At this point now, students are expected to be revising independently each night for a minimum of two hours, homework should also be factored into this time if they are to achieve their full potential in the December assessments. Knowledge Organisers are a great tool for revision and practise, these have been provided by subject teachers to all students. If there are any further queries about how to prepare for individual assessments, please encourage your child to speak to their teachers in class over the next couple of weeks.

We appreciate that this first set of KS4 assessments may be a demanding experience for our Year 10 students, as they learn to grapple with the demands of GCSE style papers. These assessments will be a valuable insight into how our students are performing across all their subjects and will help to guide both staff and students in moving learning forward. We will take care to ensure that students are fully prepared, these assessments will also take place in the students' usual classrooms with their class teachers, so that the assessments are as comfortable as possible.

What you can do to support your child:

- Reassure them about the assessments – we all want them to do their best but if they go wrong, it is not the end of the world
- Read through the Year 10 revision list together to understand what is expected of them in each assessment. Encourage them to talk to you about different subjects and topics
- Talk to your child about any subjects they are more worried about and consider creating a little more time for these subjects in their revision plan. Encourage them to speak to their teachers if they are worried or have questions
- Create a revision timetable – aim for two hours per day factoring in homework. Revision is best completed in blocks of different subjects, with a break in between the blocks
- Test your child on what they have learnt by asking them questions based on the content in the Knowledge Organisers

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We must stress that we do not want students to get unnecessarily worried about the assessments, and we ask for your support here. Above all else, the assessments are a valuable opportunity for teachers to assess the areas students have grasped well and those where further consolidation may still be required. In the current climate, these assessments will also be particularly useful to help teachers identify any gaps in learning that may have developed recently and help them to address these with students. However, it really is not the end of the world if an assessment does not go as well as expected.

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Due to the Christmas holidays, the results of these assessments will be communicated with parents in the week commencing 23rd January 2023.

If there are any queries about the assessment process, please do contact the school at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com and we will endeavour to help as best we can.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish your child the best of luck with their assessments and encourage them to speak with subject teachers, their Form Tutor, or Head of Year if they have any worries or questions. Thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards

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