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Dear Parents

The summer term proved to be a very challenging time for schools and students. The lockdown due to COVID regulations meant that both National School Assessments in primary schools and school end of year exams were unable to take place.

At Lode Heath School we have worked hard during the Autumn half term to focus on catch-up programs to support all students' transition back to school and to address any concerns or gaps in their knowledge or skills across all curriculum areas. We are now at the stage whereby students need to be assessed so that we can track their progress and address areas that require further support. This is essential to allow us to meet the needs of all students in their current subject areas.

In Years 7-10 all students will be sitting GL Assessments in English, Maths and Science (English and Maths only in Year 8). These are externally marked assessments and do not require any prior revision or content to be taught by teachers in preparation for these. These exams will be administered in lesson time within classrooms and last for approximately 60-70 minutes. All students will receive an assembly in the week prior to the examinations to ensure they are clear on the school's expectations.

Students will require standard school equipment for the examinations, as per the school policy on our website. Please see below for dates for each of the year group assessments. Please note that these have been spread over a two-week timeframe to reduce anxiety and stress for students.

Year 7

Band and subject	Date	Periods allocated	Week number
7X English	Thursday 19 November	P3 and 4a	2
7Y English	Tuesday 17 November	P1 and 2a	2
7X Maths	Friday 20 November	P1 and 2a	2
7Y Maths	Wednesday 11 November	P3 and 4a	1
7X Science	Wednesday 18 November	P3 and 4a	2
7Y Science	Wednesday 18 November	P1 and 2a	2

Year 8

Band and subject	Date	Periods allocated	Week number
8X English	Thursday 19 November	P1 and 2a	2
8Y English	Monday 16 November	P3 and 4a	2
8X Maths	Wednesday 18 November	P1 and 2a	2
8Y Maths	Monday 9 November	P1 and 2a	1

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Year 9

Band and subject	Date	Periods allocated	Week number
9X English	Wednesday 11 November	P3 and 4a	1
9Y English	Tuesday 10 November	P2c and 3	1
9X Maths	Tuesday 10 November	P3 and 4a	1
9Y Maths	Monday 9 November	P3 and 4a	1
9X Science	Wednesday 18 th November	P1 and 2b	2
9Y Science	Thursday 19 th November	P3 and 4b	2

Year 10

Band and subject	Date	Periods allocated	Week number
10X English	Monday 16 November	P1 and 2a	2
10Y English	Tuesday 10 November	P1 and 2a	1
10X Maths	Tuesday 10 November	P1 and 2a	1
10Y Maths	Monday 9 November	P1 and 2a	1
10X Science	Tuesday 17 November	P3 and 4a	2
10Y Science	Tuesday 17 November	P1 and 2a	2

Please be aware that in other subject areas, students will be completing a range of assessments that will allow their class teacher to assess their progress from last year and ensure that we can fully support and challenge them in lessons, as appropriate to their needs.

It is essential that students put 100% effort into all their assessments and examinations. Parents can support students by ensuring that they are organised with the correct equipment, punctual to school and understand the importance of the assessments they must complete.

We thank you as always for your support and look forward to sharing the progress data collated at the next assessment point and Parents Evening for your child.

Yours sincerely



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