



4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Year 9 students will be taking assessments to enable us to judge how they are progressing with their learning to date in their GCSE courses.

The assessments for English, Maths and Science will be based in the Sports Hall (please see the attached timetable) so that students start to become familiar with working in the large venues as they will for their GCSEs. Students will sit the assessments in their option subjects in one of their timetabled lessons for each subject during the assessment fortnight (subject teachers will let students know which lessons the assessments will take place in). For students that have access arrangements they will be given their full access arrangements during the assessments that take place in the Sports Hall, for the other assessments they will have the adjustments they would normally have in class.

In preparation for the assessments subject teachers will be talking to the students about what they need to revise and will ensure that they are aware of the type of questions that will be on the papers.

Students will need to bring their own equipment for the assessments, including maths equipment and a working calculator. If students do not have the equipment this can be obtained from the Finance Office prior to the assessments. All equipment should be in a clear pencil case or plastic bag. Students are not allowed to take food into the venue; however they may take in a bottle of water (as long as it has a sports top), again in a clear bottle. No juice or fizzy drinks will be permitted. Please also be aware that watches, mobile phones, iPods, MP3 players, smart glasses or other electronic devices will need to be switched off and placed in the plastic wallets (provided by the school) on the students' desks. These will be collected by staff, placed in a box at the front of the hall and returned at the end of the examination.

If your child does not have an assessment they will continue with their normal timetabled lessons and should bring in the correct books.

Students will receive the assessment results in their lessons as these become available. In addition a copy of the results will also be sent home at the start of Year 10.



As your child is only part way through their GCSE courses the assessments will only be covering aspects of the course that have been taught to date. The main purpose is to assess the students' progress but also to identify exactly where they have gaps in their learning. We will publish the results as a percentage for each subject and produce Personalised Learning Checklists for the students which will identify strengths and weaknesses across each subject.

If you have any questions regarding the assessments, please ask your child's subject teachers in the first instance, or Mrs Garman/Mrs Brown who are organising the assessments by emailing [ExamQueries@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ExamQueries@marlborough.herts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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