

CGR/ts

16 October, 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Students in Years 7 to 10 will be sitting their Assessment Point 1 (AP1) tests between Tuesday, 31 October, 2023 and Thursday, 30 November, 2023.

The AP1 is a test of any skills and knowledge that students have learnt from the time they have been at the school in a particular subject ie if they are in Year 8 then they may also be tested on relevant skills or knowledge learnt during Year 7.

It is important that students take the AP1 tests seriously because they provide an opportunity to practice working in exam conditions to prepare them for their GCSE exams which they will sit in Year 11. The AP1 test results are also used by the school to assist in determining that students are placed in the correct set and to adjust target grades where students are making better than expected progress.

In preparation for the AP1 tests, students will be receiving topic list knowledge organisers with an overview of the topics that they will cover in their assessments. Students may use these to assist with their revision along with their exercise books and any other resources that teachers may provide to students.

Students will be having a revision session in each subject, ahead of their AP1 test, where they will learn about techniques that will help them to revise independently. Each subject will spend one lesson going through different techniques prior to the timetabled AP1 tests.

When the AP1 tests are marked, students will either be given a 1-9 grade or a vocational grade for each subject which will be sent home at the end of the term along with their target grade. The AP1 tests will be timetabled and shared ahead of time in order to enable students to prepare. If a student is absent during their timetabled AP1 tests then they will be expected to attend catch up sessions made available after school to ensure that all students have the opportunity to sit each AP1 test. If a student is unable to sit their AP1 test then they will be graded as a 'U'. However, we will consider extenuating circumstances and provide students every opportunity to sit their AP1 tests. If there are extenuating circumstances preventing students from sitting an AP1 test, then they will be marked as an 'N' meaning they did not sit the exam because of an agreed reason. Where this may apply parents/carers will need to speak to their child's Head of Year and the school will decide whether to award an 'N' grade.

If you have specific questions about a subject, please contact the school and ask to speak to the Subject Leader; for general enquiries please contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours faithfully

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