

Year 10 assessments, October 2026

Assessments will take place in your normal classrooms and will last approximately 40 minutes.

The timetable below shows you when each subject will be assessed.

For example, on Wednesday 14th October:

- everyone will have a biology assessment lesson 3, in whichever science room you would normally have for lesson 3
- you will have an assessment in whichever subject you have in lesson 1. This will have a lesson code that starts '10E' (e.g. 10E/Bs1, business studies).
- Triple science students will sit their biology, chemistry and physics papers with everyone else on 14th, 16th and 19th October, not on 15th October when block C subjects have their assessment.

On 12th and 16th October, if you have core PE timetabled in block F or block B you will still have your core PE lesson.

	Tutor	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 12 October		Maths		Block F (unless core PE)		
Tuesday 13 October		Block A				Block D
Wednesday 14 October		Block E		Biology		
Thursday 15 October		English			Block C (not triple Sc)	
Friday 16 October		Chemistry			Block B (unless core PE)	
Monday 19 October					Physics	

The purpose of these assessments is to help you consolidate what you have learned so far in each subject. This helps you to get the most out of Year 10 and helps us to identify which areas to plan further support for you. They also help you to build confidence in revising larger amounts of knowledge, and to develop the skills to do so. You have 4 weeks to prepare.

To help you succeed in your assessments:

- Your tutors will run a programme to help your revision, including how to organise yourself with a revision timetable.
- Your teachers will tell you which aspects of your course will be assessed. They will give you revision guidance and support.
- For the 4-week preparation time, your homework will be to revise.
- Teachers and LSAs will support those people who normally have extra time or the use of assistive technology (etc).

Independent revision is a habit which requires practice. To benefit from this process, we expect most students to revise **up to 2** hours per night during the 4-week preparation time.

These assessments are an important part of your learning process. Whilst they do not form part of the final GCSE or NCFE grade, they are a ‘stepping stone’ towards the more formal Year 10 exams will take place in the exam hall at the end of April.

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