

Year 10 assessments, October 2025

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

To be fair to those Year 10 students taking part in the French exchange, assessments will begin on Wednesday 15th October.

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

For example, on Wednesday 15th October:

- everyone will have a biology assessment lesson 1, in whichever science room you would normally have for lesson 1
- you will have an assessment in whichever subject you have in lesson 4. This will have a lesson code that starts '10D' (e.g. 10D/Bs1, business studies). [Triple science students will sit their biology, chemistry and physics papers with everyone else on 15th and 17th October]

On 21st 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 13 October						
Tuesday 14 October						
Wednesday 15 October		Biology			Block D subject (not triple science)	
Thursday 16 October			English		Block E subject	
Friday 17 October		Chemistry		Physics		
Monday 20 October		Maths		Block A subject		
Tuesday 21 October			Block F subject (unless core PE)		Block B subject (unless core PE)	
Wednesday 22 October			Block C subject			

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 will 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:

- Mrs Burrows will give you an assembly on effective revision techniques.
- Your tutors will run a programme twice per week 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).

If you are eligible for extra time in assessments, you will begin your assessments 10 minutes earlier than other students in the room. You will all finish at the same time. If you are given extra time, you will be asked to use a different coloured pen for the last 10 minutes of the assessment. This is so we can identify the benefits of this additional time.

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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