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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and in the Christmas spirit. I am writing to inform you about the assessment weeks for our Year 10 students at the start of the new year. The assessments will commence on Monday, 13th January, and conclude on Friday, 31st January 2025. These assessments are crucial as they will significantly influence your child's report, due at the end of February. They will also help give an insight into their progress into the new GCSE courses.

To assist you in supporting your child during this period, we encourage you to engage with them about their studies. For instance, discussing topics they are studying in History, such as what motivated people to travel West in the American in the 1800s or understanding Christian and Jewish beliefs in RS

The assessments will be conducted during regular class sessions, covering all subjects as detailed below:

Subject	Assessment Topic
Art	Component 1 portfolio
Business Studies	OCR Paper 1 Business Activity and Marketing
English Language	AQA Language Paper 1
Food	Food nutrition and health - commodities
French	Listening, Reading and Writing - Topic: My Personal World
Geography	AQA Paper 1 - Living with the physical Environment
German	Listening, Reading and Writing - Topic: My School - Chapter 1
History	AQA American West Paper
Maths	First half of GCSE paper - Higher (10X1 and 10X2) and Foundation (10X3, 10Y1, 10Y2, 10Y3).
Music	Killer Queen and Music for a While
PE (GCSE)	Training and aerobic / anaerobic exercise
PE (Sports Studies)	Coursework
Psychology	Psychology Paper 1
RS	Christian Beliefs and Jewish Beliefs
Science	Chemistry paper 1, Biology- Cells and Organisation, Physics (10X1 only)-Energy and electricity
Spanish	Listening, Reading and Writing - Topic: My Personal World



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Please make use of the revision technique idea outlined below. This simple but consistent structure is manageable and efficient. It will add up to hours of quality revision over time without creating a mindset of having to study for hours on end.

Revision Techniques

I am a huge proponent of the "20-20-20" revision method. This entails three 20-minute focused study sessions in an evening (20 minutes per subject). Below I have given example segments from several subjects, as follows:

- First 5 minutes:
 - Recall from a self-made quiz from the last time they revised.
 - A 15-question quiz on the themes in Animal Farm?
- Next 5 minutes:
 - Mind mapping what they know about a specific topic within a subject.
 - What do the Milgram and Stanford experiments show about obedience?
- Next 5 minutes:
 - Supplementing this mind map in a different colour pen from resources.
 - Taking a biology textbook and labelling the role and internal structure of the heart
- Final 5 minutes:
 - Creating quiz questions from the topic or answering a GCSE style question.
 - Use a mobile app such as *My Past Papers* to access papers and try a specific question

If you have any questions or require further information, feel free to contact individual teachers. I look forward to speaking with you during our in-person Parent's Evening on Thursday 27th February, if not before.

Yours sincerely,

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