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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 End of Year Assessments - Monday 9 June to Friday 20 June 2025

I write to confirm the arrangements for the internal assessments. A generic timetable of the Internal assessments can be found on the school website along with guidance on how to revise: Exams Students | William Hulme's Grammar School (whgs-academy.org)

We hold assessments for Year 10 to assess student's knowledge to inform future teaching and to prepare students for their external GCSE examinations, which will take place in May to June next year, 2026. We want students to experience sitting a formal assessment before they sit their external examinations so that the pupils gain experience of revision techniques and examination protocol. We, therefore, expect all pupils to prepare for their assessments in a positive and productive manner and use their normal homework time to make sure that they have used the revision material effectively. Students should also take advantage of the online platforms such as GCSE Pod, Seneca, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science and BBC Bitesize to help them revise.

Teachers have given guidance and resources to help with revision and your child will be given a revision list from their teachers outlining what they need to revise, so do please check with your child when the assessments are and support them in preparation. After the assessments have been marked, results will be reported upon in their school reports and used in school as part of our monitoring and assessment system.

Students who have access arrangements (eg extra time, use of a laptop etc) for external exams will have the same arrangement in these internal assessments.

There is no study leave during the internal assessment period. Students are expected to attend school as normal each day. They should attend morning registration each day, and if a student does not have an assessment scheduled during the morning, they must attend their regular lesson. Students should wear full school uniform. When not sitting an assessment, students are required to follow their normal timetable and attend all scheduled lessons.

Mobile phones, ear pods, smart watches etc are NOT allowed in assessment rooms under any circumstances and there will be a safe place to leave these during each assessment. Students must be silent in the assessment room, face the front when seated and not communicate with other students in any way. They should supply all their own equipment for the assessments including calculators (black pens, pencils etc) and bring it to the assessment in a clear plastic bag or pencil case. Malpractice is taken very seriously. Any candidate who is suspected of malpractice may be disqualified from the assessment, and in public examinations, the whole qualification. Students must stay focused on their own work and their own desk. They should not look around at other students, as this may be interpreted by the invigilators as malpractice and will be reported to Mrs Simpson (Vice Principal) and Mr Copestake (Head of School).

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In the run up to the assessments, we would ask that you monitor your child's revision and provide a quiet area away from distractions for them to study.

Finally, I would like to wish your child every success in this series of assessments.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S E Simpson

Vice Principal (Quality of Education)

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