

21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Starting from Monday 28th September there will be an assessment fortnight for the majority of classes and subjects across the school.

Teachers have been asked to run a diagnostic assessment with their classes at some point during this fortnight. The assessment will take place in standard lessons in their usual classrooms and will usually last for the majority of a single lesson.

The purpose of the assessments is to provide teachers with key information early in the term of what students can and cannot do, to check for any gaps in their knowledge from the summer lockdown, which may cause issues with their learning this term.

The assessments are purely diagnostic. We will not generate grades from them and we will not make any setting changes as a result of them. Students do not need to revise for the assessments. We will not be publishing a timetable for these assessments but teachers will inform their classes individually to let them know when they are due to take place during the fortnight window.

Parents of students in exam year groups can rest assured that if centre-assessed grades are asked for this year, we will not be using these assessments to provide any information for these. We have scheduled a mock exam series for both Year 11 and Year 13 to take place in January 2021, which will be done in the exam hall under exam conditions. Further information will be provided about the mock exams closer to the time.

If you have any questions or concerns about the assessment fortnight then please email myself at [wilkinson.a@northallertonschool.org.uk](mailto:wilkinson.a@northallertonschool.org.uk) and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards



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