

# Formby High School

'Determined to Achieve'



PSL/MHI

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Dear Parent

## RE: ASSESSMENTS FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9

I am writing to inform you that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will sit in-class assessments after the half term break. These assessments will give teachers the opportunity to accurately assess attainment and progress made during the year, and will also provide an insight into the areas where students can make improvements moving into the next academic year.

The weeks in which the assessments will take place are detailed below, with the following broad principles being followed in all year groups:

- Written assessments of no more than 30 minutes in duration in timetabled lessons.
- Where appropriate, a short period at the beginning of the lesson to go over revision notes.
- Revision lists to be provided beforehand with a breakdown of the topics to be covered on the assessment.
- Where possible, preparation in the lesson prior to completion of the assessment.
- Each year group will have a calendar with assessment dates published on the school website.
- Students will not sit assessments in PE and some other practical subjects.

All staff members are acutely aware of the difficulties students have faced over the course of the year due to the impact of the Covid-19 restrictions in place, the school closure during the Spring Term, and periods of enforced absence for self-isolation. With this in mind, it is our intention to deliver the assessments in a very supportive manner with students and teachers using them to inform the 'next steps' in their Formby High School journey.

That being said, it is essential that your son/daughter takes time to revise in order to achieve his/her full potential. All students must be punctual for their assessments and ensure they have the required equipment (pens, pencils, ruler, etc). Results will be communicated in the form of a percentage and will be sent with your son/daughter's Summer Screening and Progress Report (Years 7 & 9) or as a standalone communication (Year 8).

Students will complete assessments during the following weeks:

- Year 7 – week beginning Monday 14 June
- Year 8 – week beginning Tuesday 8 June
- Year 9 – week beginning Monday 14 June

I would like to wish all students involved good luck for these assessments. If you have any queries, please contact your child's Climate for Learning Leader in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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