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Dear parents and carers

RE: Year 11 and Year 13 Assessment

Year 11 and 13 have returned to school particularly well following lockdown, I am extremely pleased with the determination and effort I have seen and the positive feedback I have received from their teachers.

We are still awaiting information from the government regarding next year's GCSE and A level exams and the arrangements for these; we will keep you updated.

Assessment: Students in years 11 and 13 will be sitting assessments during the week beginning 19th October and 2nd November; the weeks either side of half term. The assessments will be:

- Based on work covered since September, not on work set during lockdown.
- Sat in exam conditions in normal timetabled lessons.
- Based around exam questions and marked in line with exam board expectations.

The most important purpose of these assessments is to confirm where students are at, what they really do understand and to identify where there may be gaps that need addressing.

Mock exams: To optimise learning time, this year's mock examinations will take place after Christmas between the 11th and the 22nd January 2021. These exams will be based as closely as possible on past exam papers and will reflect student's learning across the course to date.

Recovery programme.

We understand that students encountered a range of experiences during lockdown, we are mindful of this whilst we continue to provide a challenging and relevant curriculum for all. Each subject has now considered how they will ensure that all students have the knowledge and skills they need to be successful. In some subjects, lockdown work will be revisited gradually as it is interleaved into current new learning. In lessons, links may be made to previous learning and vital units of work will be prioritised. Homework will be used to further develop understanding. For other subjects with a more skills-based curriculum, units will not be revisited but skills will be integrated into new learning. To support your understanding of what your child is learning, a curriculum map for each subject will be available for parents on the school website in the coming weeks. Students will also be given an overview of expectations in each subject along with a weekly plan of skills or content that will be revisited through interleaving.



Additional support such as one-to-one or small group tutoring may be offered for identified students after half term. This will be allocated by the school once student needs have been fully assessed. The table at the following link gives a broad view of how the curriculum in each subject is being amended this term. <https://www.kngs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Changes-to-curriculum-following-school-closure-March-to-July-2020-1.pdf>

Students expectations

At Kings Norton Girls' School and Sixth Form the staff always go above and beyond for our students. They genuinely want all students to do well and achieve their very best; this year is no exception. However, students have a huge part to play in their learning therefore, this year, more than ever we are expecting students to:

- Fully engage in lessons
- Complete class and homework as requested and as well as possible
- Know how to access work for remote learning
- Fully engage in, and complete remote learning work
- Attend intervention sessions as requested
- Have a timetable for revision and begin to revise now
- Take responsibility for their learning and progress, asking questions and making sure they understand.

Despite the challenges of lockdown and the unknown challenges of the year ahead, I have no doubt that all of our year 11 and 13 students have the support and determination to flourish.

Yours sincerely

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