

Year 10 - Virtual Information Evening

Please find below a summary of the parental questions raised from the evening and our responses.

Question	Response
Are students going to be taught revision and exam preparation skills?	Revision and exam preparation is taught within subject lessons, as each subject may have a different approach that is more effective for students. More general revision and exam preparation skills will be taught during the Form Tutor lessons and within the PHSCE curriculum. In addition, we offer students and parents/carers revision workshops led by an external company at the start of Year 11.
What are students Target Grades and Predicted Grades based upon?	At this stage in Year 10 students have only been issued with their Target Grades. These have been based upon their KS2 Scaled Score Assessments and national expectations of progress, as detailed in the presentation. These Target Grades are fixed and indicate the grade that we would expect students to achieve or exceed at the end of the course in Year 11. The Predicted Grade is our professional judgement of how we believe a student is likely to perform at the end of the course taking into account the assessment evidence to date. Both the Target Grade and Predicted Grade is in the GCSE 9-1 grading or the Level 2 Vocational course grading format.
Will the outcome of these assessments change students Predicted Grade?	As we gather more assessment evidence throughout KS4 the Predicted Grade may fluctuate, however it will always provide our professional judgement as to the likely outcome for students at the end of the course in Year 11.
Will all subjects have an assessment?	Almost all subjects will have written assessments in this assessment fortnight. The only exception would be some of the vocational courses where students may have been working on coursework elements or practical elements. The timetable for the assessment fortnight will detail the number of assessments for each subject area and when these are scheduled to take place.
Will the assessments include GCSE exam –style questions	The assessments will include GCSE exam-style questions to provide students with experience and practice for answering this style of question. It also allows us to use exam board markschemes to inform our grading decisions.
What will the format of these assessment be?	The first set of assessments in spring for Year 10 will take place in the classroom environment, as such will be no more than 45 minutes in length to allow for access arrangements to be facilitated in the classroom.