

10th January 2024

Dear parent/carer,

Mid-year Assessments

I would like to ask for your support in ensuring your child is as prepared as possible in the upcoming mid-year assessments. These vitally important assessments will take place in all GCSE subjects, except art, and will be scheduled between Monday 5 and Monday 12 February 2024. The assessments will be formally administered by our Examination Officer and be sat in the school hall under formal examination conditions. They will be marked, and scholars will be provided feedback on their strengths and areas to develop. The results will be shared with parents in the second Progress Review, sent home in the second half of the Spring term.

In order to prepare for these important assessments, scholars should revise from their Knowledge Organisers, using the techniques they have practised throughout the autumn term. Revision should be a generative activity: scholars should think hard and engage directly with the material using one of the techniques outlined at the back of the Knowledge Organiser; only reading the text is unlikely to have a positive impact on their long-term retention of core knowledge. The content of the assessments will be drawn from the GCSE content already covered. Scholars have been given paper copies of Knowledge Organisers. The Knowledge Organiser content can also be found on our website here: [Knowledge Organisers – Ernulf Academy \(astreaernulf.org\)](https://www.astreaernulf.org/knowledge-organisers)

Scholars' revision should sit alongside their usual homework timetable. From January homework tasks will be set and checked by subject teachers using Teams. Your child can access Teams using their school Microsoft 365 account: their usual network login and password.

If you would like any more information about these mid-year assessments please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,



George Lewis.