



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 In-class assessment week - commencing 28 September 2020

The last few weeks have been incredibly positive as we have welcomed back our students after the summer break. They have followed the safety protocols implemented extremely well and it has been so pleasing to see students back in the classroom learning once again. Please pass on my congratulations to your child for this excellent start to the year and also reiterate the need for this to be the case moving forward.

In order to provide both parents and teachers with a meaningful snapshot of how well students are progressing we are holding an assessment week, commencing 28 September for all subject areas. These will be held in class within the Year 11 'bubble' in J block. Specific details regarding the content of such assessments will be shared with students via their classroom teacher.

These assessments are important, to enable our teaching staff to plan the next steps in your child's learning, as well as providing us with an accurate prediction as to how well we feel they will progress in their final GCSE examinations.

As such, it is important that students take these assessments seriously and listen to the advice of their class teachers over the coming days. We do not want these assessments to be a source of anxiety for any student but we need to get a realistic picture of their position moving forward.

At the end of this assessment period we will send you an up to date report showing your child's attainment in their assessments, their teacher's predictions for GCSE as well as a rating which charts their attitude towards their learning since September. These should be used to help your child identify areas for improvement, as well as successes to celebrate; something we know was sorely missed due to the school closure last academic year.

Again, please can I reiterate that these assessments should not be a cause for anxiety, but should be taken seriously as part of our preparations for the summer.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any concerns or queries regarding this process.

Yours sincerely

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