



# Malbank School & Sixth Form College

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## Re: Year 11 Wave 2 Assessment Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to share details of our refreshed approach to supporting Year 11 students in the lead-up to their GCSE exams. Our updated assessment and revision plan has been designed to maximise students' preparation with intensive intervention sessions for all their subjects, ensuring they have the best possible opportunity to succeed in the mock assessments they will complete as part of the process.

Between **Monday, 10th March, and Wednesday, 19th March**, students will take part in **drop-down days** dedicated to focused subject-specific revision. These sessions will allow students to engage deeply with key topics, consolidate their learning, and refine their exam techniques. Some subjects will also incorporate formal assessments within these sessions, ensuring students gain valuable practice in applying their knowledge.

Following the drop-down days, there will be additional **formal assessments on Thursday, 20th March, and Friday, 21st March**. These assessments will take place under exam conditions in the sports hall or alternative venues where necessary, giving students an authentic experience of GCSE exams.

Additionally, the **Maths and Science departments** will be conducting further formal assessments beyond these dates. These will serve as key opportunities for students to demonstrate their progress and receive targeted feedback to guide their final preparations.

Full details of the drop-down days and the formal assessment plan are attached to this letter.

To support students in structuring their independent revision, I have recently provided some guidance in assembly on how to create a personalised revision timetable using AI. If any students are struggling to organise their study plans, myself and other members of the Leadership and KS4 team are available for one-to-one support. To help I have also recorded a loom video walkthrough of using Chat GPT for revision which will be shared by form tutors in the coming week.

<https://www.loom.com/share/55721162a35849feaf8702db59d4f77?sid=3eee6149-7bcc-4ddf-b6cc-1829016820bb>

Please find below a reminder of Mr Reed's recent video update presentation outlining key messages to support your child's revision habits. This includes information on the importance of revision, effective revision strategies, rewards for consistent effort, the importance of positive lesson monitor, and maintaining excellent attendance.


<https://www.loom.com/share/b8195929bd0845bdbe506e328f12ffff?sid=5025886f-4fc6-4bff-8b5a-ebf6c05e24ed>

Please note that Year 11 will also be focussing on recalling the Core 4 revision strategies in their Education for life sessions in the first week back to support their preparation for Wave 2.

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As we approach the half-term break, we encourage students to find a healthy balance between rest, re-energising, and sensible revision. Taking time to recharge is just as important as preparing effectively, ensuring they return refreshed and ready for the all-important next half-term.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support in helping your child make the most of these opportunities. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.


Yours,

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