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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 8 Assessment Week and Feedback

Barr Beacon School

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Week commencing 22nd June 2020, we will be issuing an assessment for all of Year 8 to complete in each of their subjects apart from PSHE. They will need to complete these by 3pm on Friday 26th June 2020.

These assessments will check the learning they have been set to complete at home since 23rd March 2020. Some subjects will also use it as a way of checking what material has stuck in pupils' long term memories from earlier in the year.

There is no need for your child to be worried about these assessments. We know that, for a variety of reasons, not everyone will have been able to do as much learning at home as they would have liked. The aim is not to provide pupils with a grade so there is no point in them cheating by using notes, revision guides, etc. Pupils should do what they can from memory. The aim is to make sure pupils know where their learning is secure and where they need to focus their attention next. It will also help teachers to inform their planning in order to plug pupils' knowledge gaps.

I know that many pupils have really appreciated being able to send teachers work via email or Teams so they can receive feedback. Even with the constraint of us having to remain in our homes, many pupils have made it work, sometimes even photographing work for their teachers to see. **If your child has not been sending work for their teachers to give feedback on, please encourage them to do so for the remainder of the time we are off school.**

Feedback is incredibly important and, when we are in school, we make sure that pupils always know the answers to these two questions in all of their subjects.

What am I doing well in this subject?

What do I need to do to improve my work in this subject?

For example:

What are you doing well in English?"

What do you need to do to improve in maths?"

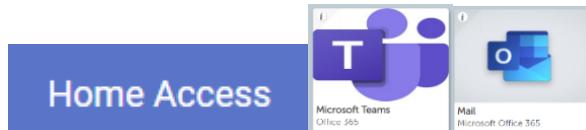
Although we are not currently in school, the feedback they receive from their teachers once they have completed these online assessments will provide pupils with the answers to these questions. Further details about each assessment and what the feedback will look like in each subject is provided below.

All pupils will be set an assessment for all technology rotation subjects. Pupils should at least have a go at all of these, even if they feel like they are stronger at some subjects than others.



Make sure your child is logged into the school system or their assessment will not be identified as theirs and they will not be able to receive personalised feedback. They are logged in if they have gone through Home Access in the top right corner of our website to access their email or Teams.

If your child has any difficulty finding a particular subject's assessment, or if they have questions related to that specific assessment, they need to contact their teacher for that subject.



If your child has any issues with logging into the school system or they do not appear in all of their Microsoft Teams, please email itsupport@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Subject	Description of assessment	What feedback will look like
Art	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of multiple choice questions. This will be assessing their knowledge of Line (continuous/mark-making), Shape (organic/geometric), Pattern (natural/man-made).</p> <p>This quiz will be emailed to pupils in advance of the assessment week but will not be open until 9:00am 22nd June. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically with effective feedback and next steps being generated from this. This will be shown through Microsoft Forms.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.</p>
Computer Science	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and some longer written answers. This will be assessing their knowledge of operating systems, spreadsheets, functions and formulas, databases, datatypes, Python basics.</p> <p>This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically. The longer written answers will be read by teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via the Microsoft Form.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.</p>
Dance	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of multiple choice questions. This will be assessing their knowledge of choreographic devices and physical skills.</p> <p>This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically with effective feedback and next steps being generated from this. This will be shown through Microsoft Forms.</p> <p>Group misconceptions will be sent to classes on Teams by 6th July, with a follow up task to complete.</p>
Drama	Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of multiple choice	The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically with effective

	<p>questions. This will be assessing their knowledge of the play Romeo and Juliet and production elements.</p> <p>This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>feedback and next steps being generated from this. This will be shown through Microsoft Forms.</p> <p>Group misconceptions will be sent to classes on Teams by 6th July, with a follow up task to complete.</p>
English	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and some longer written answers. This will be assessing comprehension skills. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked instantly so they can see what they got right and wrong. The longer written answers will be assessed by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via Microsoft Forms.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.</p>
French	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple-choice questions to check understanding of vocabulary of holidays /celebrations /regions/ TV, film and media/food. There will be some comprehension questions and some translation from French to English. There will also be a longer written answer which will be assessing their use of tenses (past/present/future) and their ability to use the vocabulary in context. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple-choice questions will be marked instantly so they can see what they got right and wrong. The longer written answers will be assessed by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via email including links to support material to help them to address their areas for development.</p>
Geography	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and some longer written answers. There will be an estimated word counts to support pupils with how much to write in each extended answer. This will be assessing knowledge recall from the content studied throughout lockdown. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked instantly so pupils can see what they got right and wrong. There will be some support for questions they did not get correct and also some stretch activities if they did get it right. The longer written answers will be assessed by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via the Microsoft Form.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.</p>
German	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple-choice questions to check understanding of</p>	<p>The multiple-choice questions will be marked instantly so they can see what they got right and wrong. The longer</p>

	<p>vocabulary (Food + Healthy living / Daily routine and time / Holidays). They will also be tested on their application and understanding of the past tense including verbs that take ‘haben’ or ‘sein’. There will also be some comprehension questions and then a longer written question that will specifically test their ability to use the past tense. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class</p>	<p>written answers will be assessed by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via email within a week, including links to support material to help them to address their areas for development.</p>
History	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and one longer written source answer. Each multiple choice answer will contribute to an overall percentage and longer answers have estimated word counts attached to support pupils with how much to write in each extended answer. This will be assessing knowledge recall from the content studied since 23rd March. This quiz will be emailed to your child's school account. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked instantly so pupils can see what they got right and wrong. There will be some support for questions they did not get correct. The longer written answers will be assessed by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via the Microsoft Forms.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.</p>
Food	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of all multiple choice questions. This will be assessing their knowledge of Food safety and storage, food production, staple foods.</p> <p>This quiz will be emailed to pupils in advance of the assessment week but will not be open until 9:00am 22nd June.</p> <p>Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically with effective feedback and next steps being generated from this. This will be shown through Microsoft Forms.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.</p>
Maths	<p>Pupils will be set a Mathswatch quiz similar to those they have been set for 5 weeks. There will be a non-calculator quiz set on the Monday and a calculator quiz on the Tuesday. This time it will cover a range of topics from across the period we have been away from school.</p>	<p>Pupils will receive instant feedback through Mathswatch, just like they do usually. In addition, their teacher will post a resource in Teams which shows them how to address the most common misconceptions. Pupils will be emailed individually so they are clear on which parts they should focus on most with links to resources to help them focus on those areas.</p>
Media	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of all multiple choice questions. This will be assessing</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically with effective feedback and next steps being generated</p>

	<p>their knowledge of video production advertising techniques.</p> <p>This quiz will be emailed to pupils in advanced of the assessment week but will not be open until 9:00am 22nd June. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>from this. This will be shown through Microsoft Forms.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.</p>
Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and some longer written answers. There will be an estimated word counts to support pupils with how much to write in each extended answer. This will be assessing knowledge recall from the content studied throughout lockdown. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked instantly so pupils can see what they got right and wrong and self assess.</p> <p>The longer written answers will be assessed by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via email by Monday 13th July at the latest.</p>
Science	<p>Pupils will complete 2 x Google Forms quizzes which will consist of some multiple-choice questions and short answers – each one should take them around an hour. They will be covering the topics studied since 23rd March: waves, evolution, bioenergetics, and speed and acceleration. To assist their revision: Outcome sheets (specific objectives for the unit), Knowledge organisers and other school resources can be found on Padlet (link below). This quiz will be posted into the Teams group for each class.</p> <p>It will open at 9am on 22nd June and close at 3pm on 26th June. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</p> <p>URL: https://padlet.com/BBSscience/Year8 password: compound</p>	<p>The questions will be marked automatically but will not be shared with pupils until feedback is released which will happen once the quiz closes.</p> <p>Pupils will receive an email saying feedback is ready to the email they type on the Google Form so they need to make sure it is correct (make sure it is school email). They can also access feedback by clicking on the link sent to by teachers once feedback opens. This feedback will be ready from 12:00pm on 1st July at the latest.</p> <p>Each question will have feedback resources to work on any areas of improvement in the form of links and tasks.</p> <p>Their teachers will then review their results and provide specific feedback to them via email with attached tasks to complete. This personalised feedback should be with pupils via email by Monday 13th July at the latest</p>
Textiles	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of multiple choice questions. This will be assessing their knowledge of healthy and safety in textiles,</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically with effective feedback and next steps being generated from this. This will be shown through Microsoft Forms.</p>

techniques in textiles, design ideas, sewing machine parts.

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Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.

For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them – they will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 6th July at the latest.

Because it is essential that pupils invest time and effort into revising for and completing these assessments, we will not be setting additional work for these Year 8 subjects during Assessment Week. However, if they do want to complete additional work, they can make sure they have completed all of the work we have set previously (scroll to the bottom of the Working At Home webpage) and/or do the daily lessons on Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

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If you have any general enquiries about the assessments, please contact Mr Lowbridge-Ellis, Deputy Headteacher at dlowbridgeellis@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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