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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 9 Assessment Week and Feedback

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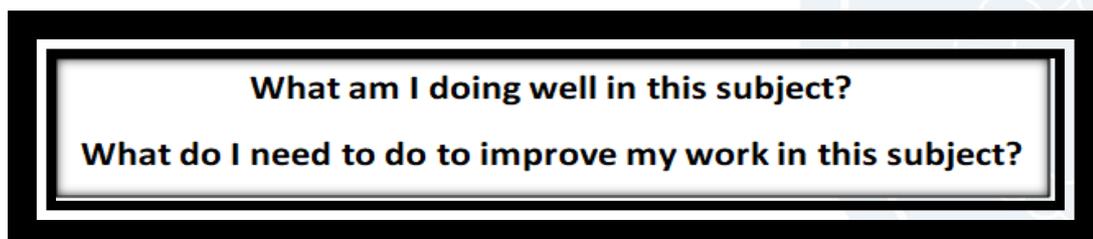
Week commencing 15th June 2020, we will be issuing an assessment for all of Year 9 to complete in each of their GCSEs.

Your child will need to complete their assessments by 3pm on Friday 19th 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.



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.

Pupils following BTEC courses where pupils have been completing assignments need to continue with this work and send this to teachers for feedback. Details of the assignments will continue to be posted as usual.



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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



Further details about each assessment and what the feedback will look like in each subject is provided below.

Subject	Description of assessment	What feedback will look like
Art	<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 Tone, mark-making, techniques, gridding, proportion, application, realism.</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 assessed 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 29th June 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 Storage & Memory Devices, Embedded Systems, CPU, Role of Operating Systems, Binary conversion and addition and Flowcharts.</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 assessed 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 29th June at the latest.</p>

English Language	Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and some longer written answers. This will be assessing unseen analysis skills. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.	The multiple choice questions will be marked instantly so they can see what they got right and wrong. The longer written answers will be read by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via Microsoft Form. 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 29 th June at the latest.
English Literature	Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and some longer written answers. This will be assessing Blood Brothers, Romeo and Juliet, and A Christmas Carol. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.	The multiple choice questions will be marked instantly so they can see what they got right and wrong. The longer written answers will be read by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via the Microsoft Form. 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 29 th June at the latest.
French	Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple-choice questions to check understanding of vocabulary for three modules (Theme 1: family, free time activities and celebrations). They will also have grammar and verb multiple choice questions. They will then be given a short reading task where they will answer 5 questions on a text. Finally they will complete a translation through Microsoft forms assessing their use of tenses and their ability to use the vocabulary in context. The translation has all key grammatical points taught so far. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.	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.



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 marks and 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 since 23rd March. 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 29th June at the latest.</p>
History	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and two longer written eight mark exam answers. Each multiple choice answer will contribute to an overall percentage and longer answers have estimated word counts and marks 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 exam answers will be assessed by their teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via the Microsoft Form including a mark and grade where appropriate.</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 29th June 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 Studies GCSE	<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 Media terminology and set product contexts.</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 assessed 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 29th June at the latest.</p>

PE	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of forty-five multiple choice questions. This will be assessing their knowledge on the components of fitness, fitness testing, methods of training, principles of training, skeletal system, cardiovascular system, muscular system, respiratory system and the short- and long-term effects of exercise on the body systems.</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 instantly so they can see what they got correct and incorrect. Incorrect answers will have a description underneath explaining why that answer is incorrect. This will further help your child's understanding on that question or topic area. Pupils can write these notes in their books to retain for further revision and information.</p> <p>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>
Philosophy and Ethics	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms Quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and a longer written response. This will be assessing knowledge recall from the content studied since the 23rd March on the topic Christian Practices.</p> <p>This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for the 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 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 email. They will not be notified of this but feedback will be ready by 3pm on Monday 29th June at the latest.</p>
Psychology	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz on the topic of 'Memory'. This will consist of some multiple choice questions to check understanding of key terms, three application questions worth 3 marks each and one longer answer question worth 9 marks. 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 and pupils can see where they have gone right and wrong. They will be given feedback on these questions instantaneously. The exam questions worth 3 marks and 9 marks will be assessed by their teachers and written feedback will be given to each student via Microsoft Forms. This will enable pupils to focus on gaps in their knowledge and progress further in their independent studies at home.</p>



<p>Science</p>	<p>Pupils will complete 3 x Google Forms quizzes (one for each science) which will consist of some multiple-choice questions and short answers – each one will last around an hour. They will be covering the following topics:</p> <p>Biology - photosynthesis, the human nervous system, and control of blood glucose levels.</p> <p>Physics - forces & motion, waves, energy & efficiency, electromagnetic spectrum and electricity</p> <p>Chemistry – atomic structure, the periodic table (including history), fractional distillation, hydrocarbons, alkanes, alkenes and cracking, Earth’s atmosphere, greenhouse gases, and climate change</p> <p>This quiz will be posted into the Teams group for each class.</p> <p>It will open at 9am on 15th June and close at 3pm on 19th June. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.</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 put on the Google Form so make sure it is correct (school email address). However, they also access feedback by clicking on a link by their teachers. This automated feedback will be ready from 12:00pm on 24th June 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 them via email by Monday 29th June at the latest.</p>
<p>Sociology</p>	<p>Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms Quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions and some longer response exam questions. This will be assessing their understanding of key sociological concepts and application of knowledge in the exam questions.</p> <p>The quiz will be posted in the Teams group for the class.</p>	<p>The multiple choice questions will be marked instantly and pupils can see where they have gone right and wrong. They will be given feedback on these questions instantaneously. The exam questions will be assessed by their teachers and written feedback will be given to each student via Microsoft Forms. This will enable pupils to focus on gaps in their knowledge and progress further in their independent studies at home.</p>



Spanish	Pupils will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of some multiple choice questions to check understanding of vocabulary for the four modules (Holidays/School/Relationships/Free time). There will also be some longer written answers which will be assessing their use of tenses 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.	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.
Textiles	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 new and emerging technologies, 4Rs, production methods. This quiz will be posted in the Teams group for each class. Responses will not be shared with anyone else in the class.	The multiple choice questions will be marked automatically. The longer written answers will be assessed by teachers and personalised feedback will be sent via the Microsoft Form. 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 29 th June 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 GCSE courses during Assessment Week. However, if your child does 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.

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

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

Your child may also find it useful to see how their learning in this period while we have been away from school fits into their overall course. Each of the Year 9 folders in All Resources now includes a document called 'Big Picture' which shows this information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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