



Our Ref: LD/DLE/cc/Year12Assessments

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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 12 Assessments and Feedback

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In everything we do, we are trying to make things as 'normal' as possible for students. Therefore, we are going to be sticking to our assessment schedule as closely as possible, even though students will be completing assessments remotely.

The table below summarises how assessments will take place this half term in each subject.

The aim is not to provide students with a grade so there is no point in them cheating by using notes, revision guides, etc. Students should do what they can from memory. The aim is to make sure students 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 students' knowledge gaps.

I know that many students have already been appreciating being able to send teachers work via Teams or e-mail so they can receive feedback. Even with the constraint of most students having to remain in their homes, many students have made it work, even photographing work for their teachers to see where required. **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 students 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 students with the answers to these questions.

Students will take these assessments during scheduled lesson time. Teachers will inform their classes directly WHEN they need the assessments to be completed.

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



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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.

If your child cannot complete work electronically and currently receives work packs, the assessments will be included in the work packs for those weeks. For them to receive feedback on these assessments and any other work they have produced, please arrange with reception a time when you can bring the work into school. Alternatively, you can post it back or they can keep it to bring in to show their teachers after lockdown.

Students only complete the assessments for the subjects they have studied this term (not everything in the table below applies to your child).

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 using the Chat function of Teams.

If your child has any technical issues please email itsupport@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Subject	Description of assessment	What feedback will look like
Art and Design	Students will complete an analysis into an Art and Design practitioner. This will be assessing their ability to evaluate the materials and techniques an artist uses to produce final outcomes. This assessment will be scheduled the week commencing 1st February.	Individual feedback will be submitted to students via Teams. The location of this feedback will be via the assignment the student submitted. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.
Biology	Students will complete 60 minutes' worth of mixed questions on transport, immunity and exchange. They will type out/handwrite answers only and email to teacher or write into OneNote (teachers will provide instructions about their expectations). This assessment will be scheduled the week commencing 1 st February.	Students will receive individual feedback from their teachers as well as whole class feedback.
Business	Students are currently completing coursework for Unit 1. They are working on their second assignment which is due in on Friday 22 nd January. Resubmissions and further assignments will then be issued following that date.	Students will receive individual feedback from their teachers as well as class feedback also. They will then be able to use this feedback for any resubmissions.
Chemistry	Students have already taken one assessment this term and will complete a second during week commencing 18 th January on Kinetics. They will continue to take end of topic assessments as they finish modules that they will be sent to complete and send back to their teacher.	Students receive individual feedback for each assessment as well as whole-class feedback. Model answers and walkthrough videos will be available to students following assessments.



Computer Science	<p>Students will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of multiple choice and extended writing questions.</p> <p>This quiz will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 1st February.</p> <p>The individual class teacher will explain precisely when they want it to be completed.</p>	Individual feedback will be submitted to students via Teams. The location of this feedback will be via the assignment the student submitted. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.
English language	<p>Students will complete timed essays during lesson time. They will be required to answer a 'Language and Power' question in one lesson and a 'Creative and Critical Writing' response in another lesson. The assessment is scheduled for the week of 1st February and will take place during lessons within that week. Students will submit their responses by the end of the lesson in which it is set either via Teams, email or in class notebooks electronically, or handwritten and photographed and the photograph or scan submitted.</p>	Students will receive whole class feedback during a dedicated feedback lesson for each of the questions and will be given individual targets for improvement for each via Teams.
Geography	<p>Students will complete a Timed Essay. This will be completed on Microsoft Forms. This will be assessing their knowledge of the Global Systems and Global Governance Topic.</p> <p>This will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 18th January . The individual class teacher will explain precisely when they want it to be completed.</p>	<p>Students will receive feedback from their teacher directly via Microsoft Forms. They will receive detailed essay feedback giving them guidance on subject knowledge and their exam technique.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.</p>
Health and Social Care	<p>Single Qualification: Students are currently completing coursework for Unit 5. They are working on Learning Aim B, P3 and M3 which is due in on Tuesday 2nd February.</p> <p>Double Qualification: Students are currently completing coursework for Unit 7. They are working on Learning Aim B, which is due on Tuesday 30th March.</p>	Students will receive individual feedback from their teachers as well as class feedback also. They will then be able to use this feedback for any resubmissions.



	<p>Double Qualification: Students are currently completing coursework for Unit 7. They are working on Learning Aim C, P6 and M3 which is due in on Monday 8th February.</p> <p>Resubmissions and further assignments will then be issued following that date.</p>	
History	<p>Students will complete a 25-mark essay on both the Tudors and Nazi Germany. This will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 18th January. The individual class teacher will explain precisely when they want it to be completed.</p>	<p>Students will receive feedback from their teacher directly via TEAMS assignments. They will receive detailed essay feedback giving them guidance on subject knowledge and their exam technique.</p> <p>For individual feedback they click onto the original link sent to them. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.</p>
IT	<p>Students will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of multiple choice and extended writing questions.</p> <p>The assessment will cover learning aims A, B and C from Unit 1.</p> <p>This quiz will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 1st February.</p> <p>The individual class teacher will explain precisely when they want it to be completed.</p>	<p>Individual feedback will be submitted to students via Teams. The location of this feedback will be via the assignment the student submitted. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.</p>
Law	<p>Students will be assessed in their lessons by their teacher. This will take the form of independent tasks that they will upload to Teams on a regular basis. Their teacher will explain to them what work needs to be completed to support their BTEC and when this needs to be done. This will continue throughout the teaching of the BTEC course on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Students will receive feedback from their teacher which is appropriate to the task they have been set. This may be direct communication of feedback from their teacher via email or through the assignments platform on Teams.</p> <p>Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.</p>
Maths	<p>Students will complete exam based questions on Dr Frost maths. This will be assessing their knowledge on topics covered from September with an emphasis on topics covered this half term.</p>	<p>Students will receive feedback from the questions completed with their mark on each question.</p> <p>Students will receive feedback for each question as well as similar questions to</p>



	The questions will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 8 th February. The individual class teacher will explain precisely when this will be completed.	attempt for those where they have misconceptions.
Media Studies	Students will be assessed in their lessons by their teacher. This will take the form of independent tasks that they will upload to Teams on a regular basis. Their teacher will explain to them what work needs to be completed to support their BTEC and when this needs to be done. This will continue throughout the teaching of the BTEC course on a regular basis.	Students will receive feedback from their teacher which is appropriate to the task they have been set. This may be direct communication of feedback from their teacher via email or through the assignments platform on Teams. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.
Philosophy	Students will complete a timed essay. This will need to be word processed and sent directly to their teacher. This will be assessing their knowledge of both Philosophy and Ethics sides of the course they are currently studying. This quiz will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 18 th January. The individual class teacher will explain precisely when they want it to be completed.	Students will receive feedback from their teacher directly via email. They will receive detailed essay feedback giving them guidance on subject knowledge and the skills of application and evaluation.
Physics	Students will complete an end of topic assessment in the final fortnight of term. This will cover Electricity and Mechanics topics. This will be sent out to them before the lesson for them to complete it during the hour.	Students will receive individual feedback from their teachers as well as whole class feedback.
Psychology	Students will complete an hour-long test on Microsoft Forms which will take place in lesson time. This will include a mixture of short and long mark questions on the current topic, 'Social Influence'. There will also be a full section on the topic covered last term, 'Approaches in Psychology'. This will take place the week commencing 25 th January. Students will also complete an end of topic test on 'Research methods' on Microsoft Forms. This will take place week commencing the 8 th February.	Students will receive individual feedback on their assessment which focuses on what they need to improve. Students will be able to access feedback by clicking on the original Microsoft Forms link. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.

Sociology	<p>Students will complete a timed essay question. This will need to be completed via email and sent directly to their teacher. This will be assessing their knowledge of families and households.</p> <p>This will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 1st February. The individual class teacher will explain precisely when they want it to be completed.</p>	<p>Students will receive feedback from their teacher directly via email. They will receive detailed essay feedback giving them guidance on subject knowledge and the skills of application and evaluation.</p>
Sports Science	<p>Students will complete a Microsoft Forms quiz which will consist of multiple choice questions. This will be assessing their knowledge of coaching and leadership qualities in sport.</p> <p>This quiz will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing Monday 1st February. The individual class teacher will explain precisely when they want it to be completed.</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. Their teacher will let them know when their feedback is ready.</p>
Statistics	<p>Students will complete exam based questions on Dr Frost maths. This will be assessing their knowledge on topics covered from September with an emphasis on topics covered this half term.</p> <p>The questions will be scheduled for some of the lesson time during the week commencing 8th February. The individual class teacher will explain precisely when this will be completed.</p>	<p>Students will receive feedback from the questions completed with their mark on each question.</p> <p>Students will receive feedback for each question as well as similar questions to attempt for those where they have misconceptions.</p>

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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