

26th November 2025



**HARTLAND  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear Hartland High School Families,

Year 7-10 student assessments begin on Monday 1st December.

Students were informed of these assessments in an assembly last week. This letter will detail how students are assessed, how we will use the data and how you can support at home.

### **Why are students completing assessments?**

We believe that it is important to assess students on what they have been learning. Students access the same curriculum across years 7 to 9.

We will use the scores from these tests to change students' sets after Christmas. This is to ensure that students understand the link between working hard and maximising their chances of success.

### **Why do we organise our classes into sets?**

We put students into groups to ensure that they can make the best progress possible, in classes with students who are at the same point in their learning. We also aim to ensure the students who have scored the lowest in their assessments are in a slightly smaller class, to benefit from more support from their teacher. All students regardless of groups study the same curriculum, from the same lesson resources. Students in *all* groups will make excellent progress.

In Year 10 correct grouping is important as students will eventually either study foundation or higher in Maths and Science. These decisions are not made until much later in Year 10 and 11.

### **How will assessments be organised?**

Assessments will run in lessons. They will be multiple choice and based on the key knowledge in English, Maths and Science since September. They are marked in class out of a maximum of 25. At the end of the lesson the teacher will record the marks centrally and you will be sent the scores for your child at the end of term.

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### What subjects are assessed?

This term we are only assessing English, Maths and Science. Students will be assessed in all of their subjects in the summer term. Year 10 will complete GCSE style mocks in June.

### When are the assessments?

The timetable for assessments is outlined here. The assessment will take place in their lessons. Where there are two lessons detailed, this is because different groups have these lessons at different times.

	Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th
Year 7	Science (P2 or P4)	Maths (P2 or P4) English (P3)			
Year 8		Science (P1 or P2)		Maths (P1 or P2)	English (P1)
Year 9		English (P2 or P5)	Science (P3 or P4)	Maths (P5)	
Year 10	English Language (P1 or P2)		Science (P2 or P4)		Maths (P1 or P3) English Literature (P2 or P4)

### How can you help your child to prepare?

- Attend school every day
- Complete their weekly homework on Sparx
- Help your child to revise by using the attached knowledge organisers to test themselves, for example by using look, cover, write, check

### My child has NGRT (New Group Reading Tests) starting next week as well - what are these?

These are online reading tests that each child will do over the next fortnight. These will give us a clearer picture of how their reading is progressing and also help us to identify areas for further support if needed. These are happening in class at the same time as the subject based assessments.

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For year 10 students, these assessments are crucial in helping us identify students who need access arrangements for GCSE exams.

**When will I get to see the results of these tests?**

We will send you the scores for Maths, English and Science in the last week of this term (week beginning the 15th December). Reports will show where each child is ranked in the year group for attainment to help give parents / carers an idea of how their child is performing in the context of the year group.

We hope that this information is useful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be pleased to help you.

Sincerely,



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