



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Assessment & Reporting Update

Further to my letter of 2 January 2019, I am writing to confirm details of the assessments students will complete and to give you the dates both when these will take place and, subsequent reports will be issued. This information will enable you to help your child prepare thoroughly for their tests.

For all year groups, there will be three fortnightly assessment windows during the academic year - we have already had the first. Reports will follow, once department marking and moderating, to ensure accuracy, has been completed.

It is vital that students prepare well in advance for their assessments as they will be tested on everything that has been covered in each of their subject areas to date. Not only will this help our students be ready for the exams they will take at the end of Year 11 or 13 - because all exams are now linear, and therefore require high levels of knowledge retention, but it will also allow us to determine accurate forecasted grades for them.

Staff will be helping to prepare students for their assessments through their extended learning. Further information about the courses can be found in the curriculum areas of the school website. Revision materials, that have been recommended by the departments, are available to purchase from Reprographics and these will be listed on the school website in the near future.

The dates for the remaining assessment windows are given below:

Year	Spring Term	Date	Summer Term	Date
7	Assessment Fortnight	11/3/19 – 22/3/19	Assessment Fortnight	3/6/19 – 17/6/19
8	Assessment Fortnight	25/3/19 – 5/4/19	Assessment Fortnight	17/6/19 – 28/6/19
9	Assessment Fortnight	11/3/19 – 22/3/19	Assessment Fortnight	3/6/19 – 17/6/19
10	Assessment Fortnight	25/3/19 – 5/4/19	Assessment Fortnight	17/6/19 – 28/6/19
11	Mock Exams	25/2/19 – 3/3/19	GCSE Exams	13/5/19 – 17/6/19
12	Assessment Fortnight	25/3/19 – 5/4/19	Assessment Fortnight	17/6/19 – 28/6/19
13	Mock Exams	25/2/19 – 13/3/19	GCE/BTEC Exams	13/5/19 – 17/6/19

I trust you find this information to be useful, but should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at rbranson@buckinghamsschool.org.

Yours sincerely

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs S Gallagher or Mrs K Bones at office@buckinghamsschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

