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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

At Nottingham Free School we recognise the importance of tracking the progress of every student in the school and as you are aware we have two assessment periods during the school year. The second assessment period will begin on Wednesday 9th June. The majority of subjects will have an assessment, some of which will be practical and will take place during normal lesson times.

These assessments are important and students should prepare appropriately by revising for every subject; it is useful to plan a revision timetable putting aside some time every day for revision. As part of their study support on Thursday 12th May, every student received a session to give them key revision information and to help plan their revision timetable. As part of this they received:

- A copy of their assessment timetable
- A revision skills booklet
- Blank weekly revision timetables
- A copy of all of the topics that they will be assessed on with revision ideas from each subject.

All the above resources are available on the school website: look at the study support tab and choose 'Revision Centre'. It is important to note that students will have time in lessons during the school day, their study support sessions and their usual homework time for revision. Their revision time should not greatly exceed the expected amount of time spent on homework in a normal week.

You can support your child in the next few weeks by ensuring that:

- They plan and follow a revision timetable. Make sure they revise for each subject over the course of a week and spend some time every day revising. Little and often is the most effective technique.
- They know when and where their assessments will take place.
- They are on time for school and have the right equipment (pen, pencil, calculator, ruler, highlighter, pens etc. in a clear pencil case or bag)
- They speak to their teachers well in advance of the assessment to clarify anything they are unsure about or if they are feeling anxious.
- They understand the need for the highest standards of behaviour during the assessments. Poor behaviour will not be accepted and appropriate sanctions will be given if necessary.

The assessment results will help to inform us of any changes to groups for next year and if any further support is needed in particular subjects. We would like to wish all of our students every success in this assessment period and are confident that, with thorough preparation, they will fulfil their impressive potential.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Brown
Head of School