



Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Assessment Period

I am writing to draw your attention to the upcoming Assessment Period for Year 7 from Wednesday 1 November to Friday 10 November 2023.

As part of our monitoring and tracking, all students at Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form undergo two formal Assessment Periods each academic year. Our rationale for having Assessment Periods is to ensure that we are able to accurately assess our students and identify and address areas where knowledge and skills need strengthening. Additionally, this gives students practice in the lower school with revising and planning for assessments in both practical and academic subjects.

Where possible, subjects will set one assessment during lesson time across this period. Students will be asked to spend some time revising for this assessment in advance and may be set meaningful revision tasks to complete for homework. This assessment pattern will continue for students through their time in school and data will be shared with families once assessments have been marked and moderated. Assessments will take place during lesson time and will be sat in classrooms. If necessary, reasonable adjustments will be made and this will be discussed with the class teacher and the student.

We are conscious that for our new students this can present a challenge. We encourage our students to embrace assessments as opportunities for learning and seek to remind them that progress is ongoing throughout their time in school.

In the lead up to the first Assessment Period, next week the Year 7 Form Tutors will be preparing students with organisation and revision planning in tutorial and assembly. Additionally, an assessment timetable will be shared and a Teams channel will be created, which will share advice and resources for students so they can feel fully prepared.

We would welcome your support with the following:

- Talk to your daughter - asking which assessment she has and what topics they will cover
- Establish a home revision routine leading up to assessments and throughout the Assessment Period
- Reassure your daughter about the purpose of assessments, supporting a positive mind-set and resilient attitude
- Check her Microsoft Teams account with her ensuring that she is up to date with her classwork and completing any revision material set

Yours faithfully

Ms S Thornley
Deputy Head/Head of Lower School



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