

### End-of-Year Assessments – A Quick Update for Families

We hope you received our letter about assessments earlier in the week. We wanted to share what's coming up and how we're supporting students to do their best in their upcoming exams. These assessments help students show what they've learned, highlight anything they might need a bit more help with, and ensure teachers can support them fully as they move on to the next stage of learning.

All students will have an opportunity to sit formal assessments in the exam hall, giving students a chance to practise exam routines and build confidence, while other subjects will assess learning in class. In both venues, we will try to ensure we support any access arrangements required by students.

**Dates and Attendance** Some core assessments for Years 7–9 will take place during the Year 11 exam period in May, and Year 10 exams will run across early June. All other subjects will complete assessments between **Monday 1 June and Friday 12 June**. Being in school during this time is really important so students can take part fully and benefit from calm, consistent routines. If possible, please avoid appointments or holidays, and do let us know early if something unavoidable comes up.

**How You Can Help at Home** Students will be given guidance in school on how to prepare and stay calm, and families can find extra support in the wellbeing and exam booklet we've shared. Simple things really help: encouraging short, regular revision using knowledge organisers, supporting good sleep and meal routines, and offering reassurance. These assessments are a chance for students to show what they can do — with your support and encouragement, we're confident they'll approach them feeling prepared and positive.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### Important Dates this Cycle

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Maths Assessments (AM)**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Maths Assessments (PM)**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 9 Maths Assessments (PM)**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>-Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half-term**

**How best to communicate with school**

- Email [office@beckfootthornton.org](mailto:office@beckfootthornton.org) – this is monitored throughout the school day
- Calling us – please be aware that we have a small reception team, and staff will not always be able to speak to you during the school day
  - Drop in – you can come to our weekly drop in to speak to the headteacher or a member of the leadership team
  - Parents Evenings

Please do not email individual members of staff as they may not be in school that day or have access to emails. If you cannot get through on the phone, please email and let us know: [office@beckfootthornton.org](mailto:office@beckfootthornton.org)

#### Things to look forward to next week

Mon 11/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM – Y11 English Literature exam</li> <li>• PM – Y11 Business exam</li> <li>• Headteacher drop-in session– 1.30-2.30pm</li> <li>• Y7 Bradford Schools Cup Final</li> <li>• Warhammer Club</li> </ul>
Tues 12/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM – Y11 Biology &amp; combined science exams</li> <li>• Chess Club</li> <li>• 'Matilda' rehearsals</li> <li>• Y7-10 Girls Netball – after school</li> <li>• Y7, 8 and 9 Girls Rugby – after school</li> <li>• Y7-10 Rounders – after school</li> <li>• Y7-9 Rugby – after school</li> </ul>
Wed 13/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM – Y11 Geography exam</li> <li>• PM – Y11 Computer Science exam</li> <li>• Gaming Club</li> <li>• Y7-10 Badminton – after school</li> <li>• Y7 Boys Football – after school</li> </ul>
Thurs 14/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM – Y11 Maths non-calculator exam</li> <li>• PM – Y11 German writing exam</li> <li>• LGBTQ+ Club</li> <li>• Y7 RL Yorkshire Plate Semi Final</li> <li>• Y7 &amp; 8 Rugby – after school</li> </ul>
Fri 15/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM - Y11 History exam</li> <li>• Y7-9 Kick About Football – after school</li> </ul>