



10th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Online Assessments March 2021 (1st -10th March 2021)

We wrote to you last month to inform you about the Year 11 Online Assessment period that will take place during the week commencing 1st March 2021. The students will be set an assessment relating to the content covered thus far in the course and subject teachers have shared with students the topics that will be covered in these assessments. Should we return to school in the second week in March, assignments scheduled for Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th March 2021 will be completed in school in a computer room.

As this is the first time we are completing online assessments, we would like to share with you further details about the assessments and instructions of how they will be completed and submitted.

- Students will undertake one assessment per subject.
- There will be no live lessons during the following times and students should use this time to revise for their March assessments:

Monday 1.3.2021 – Tuesday 9.3.2021 Period 2 & 4

All other lessons will take place via Microsoft Teams (for example, if a student is not in an exam Period 1 or Period 3, they will join their timetabled live lesson; all Period 5 lessons will take place as normal).

- The class teacher will send the students the paper at the start of the allotted time. This will be either via email or the ‘assignment’ function in Microsoft TEAMS.
- The class teacher will stipulate the time it should be returned by.
- Access arrangements will be taken into consideration (extra time, scribe, reader, rest breaks, prompts)
- Students entitled to a reader in the exam will be able to make use of the ‘Immersive reader’ function by Microsoft Speech Services. For further details on how to access this function please see the attached document.
- Students entitled to a scribe will be able to make use of the ‘dictate’ function by Microsoft Speech Services. For further details on how to access this function please see the attached document.
- If any access arrangements apply to your child, we will write to you separately with the exact arrangements we have made.
- If a student does not complete the assessment, and we have not received a phone call, then the assessment will be marked as a U.

- Grow and Succeed -

- Any assessments submitted which are not the student's own work but that have been plagiarised, will be marked as a U. (Plagiarism is defined as 'the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own and/or failure to acknowledge the source correctly'.)
- If a student is ill during an assessment day, then a parent must call in to school to explain their absence.
- If a student has any technical difficulties, then a parent should call in to inform the school.

Assessment schedule:

	Period 1	Length	Period 3	Length
Monday 1.3.21	Triple Science Biology Combined Science	1hr 15min 1hr	English Language	45min
Tuesday 2.3.21	Maths (calculator)	1hr 15min	History	35min
Wednesday 3.3.21	Psychology Philosophy & Ethics	1hr 1hr	French listening HT French listening FT Spanish listening HT French listening FT	45min 35min 45min 35min
Thursday 4.3.21	Triple Science Physics	1hr 15min	English Literature	45min
Friday 5.3.21	Geography	1hr 15min	Computing Media Studies	1hr 15min 1hr 15min
Monday 8.3.21	Drama Resistant Materials Sports Studies	1hr 15min 1hr 1hr 15min	Engineering	1hr
Tuesday 9.3.21	Sports Studies BTEC Business Studies	1hr 45min	Music Child Development	1hr 15 1hr 15
Wednesday 10.3.21	Textiles Graphics Art clash (for students who also study Food Prep)	1hr 1hr 1hr	Art Food Prep & Nutrition	1hr 1hr

We understand that there is still great uncertainty regarding the awarding of the final grades this summer and whether the results of these assessments will contribute in any way. Until the Government guidance is given, we will not know what assessment and work evidence is required for the final grade to be awarded. Therefore, it is important that students continue to work hard, continue to prepare thoroughly for these assessments in the coming weeks and produce the best work possible at all times.

The outcomes of these assessments will be reported in Progress Update 2 which will be released at the end of the spring term. In some subjects, such as Maths, these assessments will be used to initiate some set changes.

In addition, we will also issue predicted grades which represent the grades we believe your child will achieve if they continue to work as they are now. The predicted grades are not necessarily the final grades submitted to, or awarded, by the exam board.

- Grow and Succeed -

Lemsford Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL8 6YR

Tel: 01707 321755 • admin@stanborough.herts.sch.uk • www.stanborough.herts.sch.uk • Company No: 07900439

We use our own school assessment procedures to give a predicted grade. This is based upon a blend of internal assessments, trial exam results, classwork, and professional judgement. We will use the Government guidance on how the final grades will be awarded when this is issued. It is currently impossible to say final grades will be given in the summer as we are waiting for the Government guidance on how and when grades will be awarded by the exam boards.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Wrangles (AWrangles@stanborough.herts.sch.uk), Mrs Humphries (SHumphries@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) or Ms Kohls (DKohls@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



D Kohls
Deputy Headteacher

- Grow and Succeed -