March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At St Joseph’s we are committed to helping every child achieve their potential. As part of this process we assess students regularly and use it to identifying ‘next steps’ in teaching and learning.

All Year 12 students will be sitting some longer assessments in the weeks after the Easter break. It is important that all students are fully prepared for these examinations as they will be used to inform staff and pupils of progress towards their target grades. They will also be analysed to highlight any areas of weakness that need to be addressed.

The assessments will be based in classrooms with their class teacher. It will therefore follow their timetable, where each subject is within a Block A-D. The assessment timetable is shown on the next page and their teacher will give more specific information to students. We will ensure any exams access arrangements are provided.

All students have been encouraged to include an appropriate balance between revision and leisure over the Easter holiday. To help with preparation, students will receive a list of topics the assessment will cover and materials to support this revision. Please encourage your child to persevere with their studies and support them with their preparations. We know from experience that students who invest time wisely and take control of their learning perform better in their final examinations.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr D McGuinness

Assistant Headteacher

Year 12 assessment timetable

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| Week1 | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 |
| Monday 19th April |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 20th April | **Yr12 Block D** | **Yr12 Block D** |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 21st April |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 22nd April | **Yr12 Block A** | **Yr12 Block A** |  |  |  |
| Friday 23rd April | **Yr12 Block B** | **Yr12 Block B** |  |  |  |
| Week2 | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 |
| Monday 26th April |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 27th April |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 28th April |  |  | **Yr12 Block C** | **Yr12 Block C** |  |
| Thursday 29th April |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 30th April |  |  |  |  |  |