

6th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Assessment in Year 10

Assessment is a key part of the support for progress that OIEA puts in for all students. High quality assessment gives teachers the information they need to plan great lessons and support each student as the individual that they are. Assessments also give teachers the information needed to give accurate predicted grades and they allow students to develop their confidence in tackling formal assessments and examination, as they begin the journey to taking the GCSE and BTEC exams.

Students will be assessed throughout the year in class; however, to give students the experience of revising for and taking assessments under exam conditions, all subjects have three 'Assessment Windows' through the year. Each 'Assessment Window' involves a fortnight of revision followed by an assessment within the following fortnight. All students studying a subject will take the assessment. The three assessment windows for year 10 are:

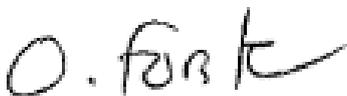
- Window 1 – Starts 4th October. Silver Level assessment
- Window 2 – Starts 28th March – Gold Level assessment
- Window 3 – Starts 6th June – Year 10 Mock Examinations – Platinum level assessment

There are three different levels of assessment (Silver, Gold and Platinum) that are designed to build up skills in assessments over time. All assessments are set by subject leaders.

Silver Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments will test students on a range of content/skills learnt in the preceding weeks. • They will be completed under full exam conditions in class. Students may be allowed reference to their revision notes <i>but not their books</i>. • It is likely that teachers will provide some guidance on how to structure their responses.
Gold Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments will test students on a range of content/skills learnt in the preceding weeks. • They will be completed under full exam conditions in class. • Students are <i>not</i> allowed reference to their revision notes or books. • Teachers will <i>not</i> provide guidance during the assessment on how to structure their responses. For year 10, they will often mirror the style of GCSE/BTEC exams or be past paper questions.
Platinum Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments will test students on a range of content/skills learnt over <i>the year</i>. • They will be completed under full exam conditions in class or as mock exams. • They will mirror the style of GCSE/BTEC exams or be past paper questions.

If you have any queries about assessment at OIEA, please feel free to contact me at school. For subject specific questions, please contact subject leaders. Contact details are on our website. <https://www.oiea.co.uk/contact-us/>

Kind regards,



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