

Assessment Results and Learning Dialogue Window - March

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware from recent communication regarding the Assessment Week, we are keen to maximise parent/carers involvement in the learning process and raise the profile and importance of Assessment in your child's education.

You will also be aware that every term we promote the idea of a learning dialogue window whereby the student's books and work go home. This term the window opens throughout the month of March. However, following the Assessment week (26th February – 2nd March) the importance of this process should now turn towards your son's/daughter's attainment and performance in assessment conditions.

The process remains the same, we ask for you to support this as parents/carers by actively checking your son's/daughter's work within their books. Every student has a dedicated 'Learning Dialogue Week' page in their student planner on **page 6**. This asks you to sign and date the relevant column to acknowledge you have seen your child's work in all subjects that the book goes home in and also their assessment result. It allows for parent/carers comment on the progress of your child's work in that subject. Over the month of March, every single workbook will come home and should be returned immediately for use in class.

During the week of 19th March, we will be releasing the results of your son's/daughter's assessment through a dedicated awards, rewards and results assembly, whereby your child will receive their assessment results in every subject for the first time (as would happen on their GCSE results day).

It would therefore be appropriate for both yourself and your child to reflect on their performance in their assessments. Questions to consider asking your child to support the learning dialogue:

- How did you revise for your assessment? Did you know what to revise and the best method to revise for your learning style?
- How did you perform in your assessment compared to your peers within your class/the year group?
- Are you on target? If not, why not?
- What can you do next time, differently, to maximise assessment performance?

As always, this is an opportunity for you to celebrate in their success and achievements but to also ensure your child is not only producing the best quality work they can and taking a pride in the presentation of their work, but that they are also taking the assessment process seriously in their development and education. This process will repeat in the month of June following the final assessment during the week of 12th June.

In addition, it is timely to remind parent/carers that Show My Homework is more than just a mechanism for setting homework; it also acts as a calendar, an online testing facility and teachers will provide relevant information regarding assessment details on this platform. I hope that you find this service beneficial in supporting your child with their homework and keeping them on track. It is vital that there is a partnership across parents/carers, staff and students to ensure that we are putting students' learning first and that they are applying themselves outside of the classroom and developing as independent learners.

If you have any further questions regarding the learning dialogue process, assessment week and its results or any matters regarding homework and the setting of homework via the Show My Homework calendar, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the Academy.

Yours sincerely



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