



# Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Assessment Calendar

We have reviewed our assessment calendar to support the wider opening of our school to all students. Our aim has been to find a balance between sharing useful and meaningful information with families which supports our work together, whilst supporting the return of students to school by allowing their teachers to focus on their classroom teaching, planning and assessment. An overview of the calendar for the year ahead is attached to this letter.

### Autumn term assessment dates

We have moved some of the autumn term assessment dates back a few weeks to allow teachers more time to work with students before sharing assessment information. Year 11 students will receive a tutor report which students should use as a reference to support their college applications. Each year 11 student has been sent an information sheet via Google Classroom which they need to complete and turn in to support the completion of their tutor report.

### Form tutor reports

We have removed year 8, 9 and 10 tutor reports from the assessment calendar to allow teachers to use this time to focus on their preparation for teaching. However, we do recognise that it will be important to communicate any achievements or concerns that may arise at the earliest point possible. Classroom teachers will use SIMS Parent, emails or telephone calls to support home school communication.

### Parents' evenings

Due to the current restrictions in place we are planning to organise all parent and option evenings to take place via Zoom, an online meeting platform. Further details will be shared nearer the time to support families with their access to these events. If restrictions change in the future then we will review our plans accordingly.

### Attainment grades

As part of the reporting process we will be sharing attainment grades with students that are completing subjects in years 9, 10 and 11. It is important to recognise that these grades are generated by teachers using their professional judgement, based on the evidence of a student's work across a number of activities. Should the exam process be disrupted, as it was in 2020, then these grades will not automatically become the grade that a student is awarded should the exam board require teachers to submit a centre assessed grade.

### Summer GCSE exam dates

We are awaiting the summer 2021 exam dates to be finalised. The DfE are currently considering the option of moving the exams to a later date in the year due to the disruptions in 2020. This will allow students more time to prepare for their exams. Once we have received confirmation of any dates we will make these available to families.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have further questions. Subject specific enquiries can be directed to the head of the relevant subject area. A list of these email addresses can be found on page 31 of your child's learning journal. Pastoral enquiries can be sent to [pastoral@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk). If there are issues of a sensitive nature please contact the pastoral team by telephone rather than email.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Bridge', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Bridge  
Deputy Headteacher

## Assessment calendar overview 2020-21

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>Autumn term 1</b>			Progress report all subjects.		
<b>Autumn term 2</b>	Progress report all subjects. Settling in evening				
<b>Spring term 1</b>		Options evening	Mock exams		
		Parents' evening			
<b>Spring term 2</b>	Form tutor report		Parents' evening	Parents' evening	On track report
	Parents' evening		Internal exams core subjects		
		Internal exams core subjects		Internal exams core subjects	
<b>Summer term 1</b>	Progress report all subjects		Option subjects on track reports		
			Core subjects progress report		