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Dear Parent/Carer

## RE: Assessment in Year 10

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to this year's assessment expectations and to map out key assessment dates to help with your ongoing support at home.

### Types of Assessments

There are different types of assessment that students will experience each year at Atlantic Academy. All of them are designed to enable us to support students with their learning and ensure consistent progress is made from Year 7 to 11.

**Knowledge Retrieval Test:** Each subject will set a minimum of one Knowledge Retrieval Test every two weeks, depending on the number of lessons in the cycle. These are low-stakes assessments designed to identify gaps in students' knowledge while reinforcing and embedding prior learning. Teachers use the outcomes to target areas for immediate improvement and to celebrate strengths.

Tests will always be peer or self-marked, ensuring students take an active role in their learning. Where questions are frequently answered incorrectly, teachers will review and revisit the relevant content in subsequent lessons. This supports the development of students' capacity to store and retrieve accurate information over time.

The tests are closely linked to students' self-quizzing within each subject and unit of study. Outcomes will be recorded internally and used to guide tailored interventions, ensuring every student is supported to make sustained progress.

**End of Unit/Topic Assessments:** Each subject will assess students at regular intervals throughout the academic year. The timings of these assessments will be appropriate for that subject curriculum and taken at the end of each unit or topic.

**End of Year Assessments:** Students will sit an end of year holistic assessment. These, where appropriate, will use Vocational or GCSE material as directed by our Trust from the curriculum covered until the point of assessment. Subjects will pause their curriculum delivery in preparation to focus on personalised learning checklists (PLCs) and effective revision techniques beforehand.

### Reporting

Academic reports will be generated twice a year, at Christmas and at the end of the academic year. Parents/Carers will be notified in writing in advance of every assessment point period to help with preparations at home, access effective revision resources in support and receive key dates. Students and parents will be able to access an electronic copy using their Arbor login accounts.



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## Parents' Evenings

There will be a subject parents' evening for Year 10 on 4th June 2026, where students and parents/carers can meet with their child's subject teachers to discuss their attainment and agree on targets for improvement. Parents/carers will receive booking information and instructions nearer to the date.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support. Collectively, we can continue to work together to ensure that students are fully prepared and motivated to do well in every style of assessment we have mapped out for them. Every assessment counts.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Biddle  
Vice Principal