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Dear parent/carer

Work hard. Be kind.

Re: Assessment week

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school in this challenging time. We hope your child has enjoyed coming back to school after the half term. Do let us know if you have any feedback for things that are going well or things we could do to improve the school. We had a well-attended online parent meeting (Parents of St James) on Thursday evening during which we received some valuable feedback, if you are interested in joining this group please let Charlotte Webster know (CJW@stjamesexeter.co.uk).



We take pride in the quality of teaching and assessment in St James. You may be aware that we run three cycles of twelve weeks for teaching and assessment. We are currently in week eight of our first cycle and in week eleven (week commencing 30 November), students will be completing assessments and mock exams. These assessments will focus on knowledge and application, therefore some questions will be multiple-choice/quick answer and others will require students to apply the knowledge they have learnt in longer answers or in GCSE papers for those in years 9-11.



During assessment week, lessons will be conducted in silence and students will either be completing assessments or, at times, revising for upcoming assessments. We appreciate assessments can be stressful; therefore your child's teachers will explain the process in more detail, including how students can prepare. Assessments will be sat in classrooms with the child's usual teacher leading the session.



Following assessment week, there will be a *Feedback and Reflection Week*, where students have the opportunity to reflect on their learning, receive feedback from teachers and teachers will deliver highly personalised lessons to support students with any common misconceptions or topics they have found challenging.



If you have any concerns specific to your child, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. Should you have any feedback following our first twelve-week cycle, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Dr Rob Morse with this feedback - RJM@stjamesexeter.co.uk



Once again, thank you for your support. Take care.



Yours faithfully



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