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Dear Parents

As the first term nears its conclusion, I thought it would be useful to provide some information regarding the timings and nature of the various assessment and feedback points during the year.

At the beginning of next term, we will have a three-week assessment period for all EBacc subjects. Typically, students will sit one exam per EBacc subject. These will take place in lessons rather than in an exam hall, allowing for greater flexibility in testing and more prompt feedback, while still giving the students an experience of exams across multiple subjects. Subject teachers will provide the students with details of these assessments within their own subject, including any revision tasks they should carry out beforehand.

The results of these assessments will contribute towards the End of Year Predictions shared in the first Progress Report of the year.

On page three of this document, you will be able to see this first assessment period, as well as the other points in the year where students can expect to sit exams and receive feedback on their attainment, progress and attitude to learning.

Below is a brief explanation of each event included on the calendar:

### KS3 Assessment and Exams

Throughout the year, students will receive regular marking and feedback on their work.

Twice a year, they will also have an opportunity to sit exams in EBacc Subjects (Maths, English, Science, History, Geography and Languages). We have planned for the second set of exams to take place in the exam hall, but we will access the practicalities of this nearer the time. The results from the second set of exams will be communicated alongside the End of Year Progress Report.

### Progress Reports

Three times a year, students will be provided with an End of Year Prediction for each subject. These grades indicate our judgement of what each student could achieve by the end of the current year. Linked to these predictions, progress towards individualised KS4 target grades is indicated within this report.

New for this year, this report now includes information regarding your child's Attitude to Learning in four distinct areas, across their subjects. We hope that this additional feedback enables your child to recognise their specific strengths, and where appropriate, identify steps they need to take to make a positive difference to their progress.

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## Parents' Evening

This is an opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss progress and attitude to learning. We anticipate that these will be held virtually this year and we will communicate further details near the time.

In addition to the Y7 Parent and Tutor Evening and the new Y8 and Y9 Parent Information Evenings at the start of the year, you will notice that we have also added an additional Y8 Parents' Evening to the calendar, providing one further feedback point within KS3.

During the year, to access any documents relating to your child's progress, such as Progress Reports and Reviews, please go to the [school VLE](#) and follow these instructions:

1. **Click on the Children button on the VLE front page Parents section OR select Your Children from the Parents menu.** *This takes you to the Portal Home page.*
2. **Click on a child.** *This takes you to the Welcome tab of the View Learner page for that child.*
3. **Select the Documents tab.** *You will see a list of any available documents.*
4. **Click on the blue PDF link in the File column.** *Depending on your browser settings, this will either open or download the PDF document*

If you have not received a username and password, please e-mail the VLE Administrator ([vle@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:vle@wallingfordschool.com)).

If you have forgotten your username or password, you can use the [Forgotten Password form](#). Alternatively, contact the VLE Administrator.

If you have any questions, please do contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year.

Kind Regards,

Mr R Griffiths  
Assistant Headteacher  
Wallingford School

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## KS3 Assessment and Feedback Calendar 2020-2021

Term	Week(s)	Y7	Y8	Y9
1	4 w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep 2020	Parent and Tutor Evening	*Parent Information Evening (virtual)	*Parent Information Evening (virtual)
2	1, 2 & 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020	Assessment Weeks for EBacc Subjects (completed in class)		
	4 w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020		Progress Report #1	
	5 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020		Parents' Evening #1	
	6 w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020	Progress Report #1		Progress Report #1
3	3 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021	Parents' Evening		
	5 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021			Parents' Evening
4	3 w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021			Progress Report #2
	4 w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021	Progress Report #2	Progress Report #2	
5	1 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 2021		Parents' Evening #2	
	5 & 6 17 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Assessments for EBacc Subjects (completed in exam hall)		
6	3 w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun 2021	Progress Report #3		

\*These virtual events are available on our school website: [Virtual Events 2020-2021](#).

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