14th November 2025

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming November tests for Year 12 students, which will take place between Monday 24th November and Friday 28th November. This week Year 12 received an assembly from Mr Skinner regarding the testing week, and the timetable has been shared with students via the Google Classroom.

The aim of the November tests is to assess students' progress in their A Level subjects, to ensure that students have adapted well to A Level study, and are on track to achieve their potential by the end of Year 13. These tests are low stake, and are to inform teachers as to where students are currently at academically, so that if needed, intervention and support can be put in place going forward. There is no formal reporting of the outcome of these tests to parents/carers, however, staff will use these results to support their decision making when finalising Autumn LAG data.

Most tests will take place during students' normal lesson time with their class teacher. However, for Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Psychology, tests will take place in the main hall on Friday 28th November due to the larger number of students taking these subjects. To ensure fairness and improve the reliability of our results, the timetable ensures that all students in each subject will sit the test at the same time.

The November test week is a normal school week, and attendance all day every day is just as important as it would be in a normal week. Lessons will continue throughout the week in every subject, so students will continue to follow their specification content alongside completing their tests. If a student were to miss a November test, they should liaise with their subject teacher, who will decide if it is appropriate for students to have a copy of the paper to complete in their own time.

The step up from GCSE to A Level study is hard, and so far we have been very impressed with how Year 12 have settled into sixth form life at AHS. They have shown they are a dedicated, hardworking and mature cohort. We therefore take this time as an opportunity to ensure all students are getting the best support and guidance they need. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss K Kilkenny
Head of Year 12