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## **Reference: Controlled Assessments in English**

In the first two weeks after half term, all students in Year 10 will be sitting Controlled Assessment “exams” in English. The Controlled Assessments will be completed in a single block of three hours total.

For students on the X side of the timetable, the Controlled Assessment will take place on Friday 4th March and will be conducted during Periods 1, 2 and 3. Break, as usual will be taken between Periods 2 and 3. For students on the Y side, the assessment takes place on Wednesday 9th March, with the test again spanning the first three periods of the day.

Attendance over this period is vital because accommodating the retaking of a total of 3 hours of supervised Controlled Assessment would prove very challenging given an already very full school timetable. The Controlled Assessments form part of the overall English GCSE grade and non attendance or under performance would impact negatively on the final grade.

Students are allowed to take notes in the Controlled Assessments and already know the questions, so the challenge is slightly different from a standard exam. We have been preparing students for a whole half term so they should be equipped to perform to their potential in the tests. Encouragement to revise ahead of returning to school would, however, be advantageous.

With thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Kingston  
English Subject Leader

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