

Monday 7th February

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re: Year 10 Exam concessions screening

As part of our strategy to ensure that each child receives the correct concessions in their exams. Each Year 10 class will be timetabled to complete the Exact Screening Assessment with their English teachers this week.

What is Exact?

Exact is a fully computerised, UK nationally standardised suite of literacy tests for the age range 11 years 0 months to 24 years 11 months. It can be used by Access Arrangements Assessors as an integral part of their assessment of students who may require examination access arrangements and the results from Exact can be entered into Part 2 of JCQ Form 8.

The Exact suite comprises standardised tests of the following areas of attainment:

- Word recognition
- Reading comprehension and reading speed
- Spelling
- Typing to dictation
- Handwriting to dictation

Exact has been specifically designed to meet the need for a group of tests that assess whether examination candidates should have access arrangements, such as extra time or use of a reader or scribe in written examinations. They are particularly aimed at GCSE and A-level examinations and the requirements of the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), which represents awarding bodies based in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, some of which offer qualifications to overseas centres. Assessors should note, however, that Exact does not provide ALL the evidence required by JCQ when applying for exam access arrangements. Indeed, there is no single test currently available that can provide all the information necessary for the full completion of JCQ Form 8, which depends on a range of specialist assessment skills as well as thorough familiarity with current JCQ regulations. Exact provides a substantial amount of the assessment information required for Form 8.

Should your son/daughter require further 1:1 assessment to support an application for access arrangements this will be conducted in school by Mrs A Bellers.

Further information can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Exact - GL Assessment \(gl-assessment.co.uk\)](http://gl-assessment.co.uk)

If you have any further questions then please email angy.bellers@consilium-at.com

Yours sincerely,

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