



22nd May 2017

RE: Year 7 Internal Exams Week

Dear Parent / Carer

The Year 7 exams are scheduled to take place between **Monday 12th June and Friday 16th June 2017**. All of the assessments will take place during normal timetabled lessons. The exams will cover work carried out throughout the academic year since September 2016. Students will be informed when their exams will be by their subject teachers and the information put on show my homework for parents to see.

Students will need to bring with them their usual stationary items including: black pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and calculator but they should also check with their subject teacher if there is anything else they require for the exam. They should also bring with them their usual drama and PE kit for those lessons, which will run as normal.

Arrangements will be made for some students with special educational needs who require additional support and they will be advised of any changes to the rooms they will use for their exams.

We want students to feel well prepared for their exams so welcome parental involvement with revision in the weeks leading up to the exams. There will be suggested revision material on Show My Homework (SMHK), however below are a few suggestions, which you may find useful.

- **Little and often** – Chunks of about 20 – 30 minutes with sufficient breaks for refuelling and breaking up the revision sessions.
- **Be creative** – Students may like to make themselves revision cards or posters (using different colours is a really useful way of organising the material to learn) Parents can help by testing from the cards or posters.
- **Use tech** – Students who learn by listening may find it useful to take voice recordings of the material they are trying to learn on a phone and play the recording back to themselves.
- **A quiet space** – Where possible a quiet, tidy work space will help students organise their work and thoughts.

It is well documented that students who eat breakfast find it easier to concentrate in school. Please ensure your child comes to school having had a good breakfast, and with a bottle of water to ensure they are well hydrated, especially on the day of their exams. Having a good nights sleep will also help them to focus for those exams which are in the morning.

I wish every student the best of luck in preparing for the exams and during the assessments themselves. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's form tutor if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'K Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs K Smith
Head of Year 7