



27th November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Preparing for assessments is a skill that will help your child throughout their education, especially for their GCSEs and any qualification routes they choose post-16. That is why we feel that the English, Maths and Science assessments that they will be sitting in January are of the utmost importance and we are keen to ensure we equip them with the study skills and strategies that they need to move forward and be successful in their education.

The assessments will take place on the following dates:

Year 7 – Monday 22nd January

Year 8 – Wednesday 17th January

Year 9 – Wednesday 10th January

These key assessments will allow us to see where your child is in their academic journey, and most importantly, how we can ensure we enable them to move forward and make even more progress. The journey towards these assessments is just as beneficial and useful as the result – building confidence and skills that will be lifelong tools.

We will be holding assemblies for each year group the week beginning 4th December with lead practitioners from each of the faculties (English, Maths and Science) delivering key information on the best way to study and revise in these core subjects. This will be followed up in the subsequent weeks by their class teachers, in these subjects, revisiting the techniques introduced in the assemblies. This will be further consolidated with a KS3 Study Skills booklet that they will receive with all of the strategies summarised for them to refer to in their preparation.

We hope that these measures boost your child's confidence ready for their assessments and also help them to start to build a bank of study skills and strategies that they will be able to use time and time again as they move forward in their education.

Yours faithfully

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