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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Key Stage 3 Summer Term Assessments 2025

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming end of year assessments for our Key Stage 3 students. These assessments help us to prepare students for the challenges of Key Stage 4 and allow us to see how your child is progressing.

To make the most of these opportunities, we are writing to you to outline our plans and offer advice about preparation. We hope that you find this useful as we know that students that develop effective practice earlier in their academic career can cope with the demands of the GCSE examinations more effectively.

Key Stage 3 students have an assessment week in June. Most assessments will be sat in their normal teaching rooms and will be used to inform the report that will be sent to parents and carers week beginning 7th July. The assessments will be focused on the curriculum content they have covered this academic year.

We have already shared revision tips with you during our Information and Guidance evening in the autumn term and shared the presentation from this via email. We will also be speaking to students in assemblies and PHSE to help prepare them for their assessments. Students have an array of practical tips and revision techniques at their disposal but it is important to remember that every child will revise differently. It is important they find a technique that works for them. Presentations focusing on different revision techniques can be found on our school website [HERE](#).

Research has shown how small manageable chunks of revision have the greatest impact no matter the technique used. This would mean students should have started their revision, looking to do 2x30-minute chunks a night after school and 3-5 chunks at weekends as a minimum. General revision advice can be found in the revision booklet shared with this communication. If you would prefer a hard copy of the revision booklet, please contact the school office.

For any subject related queries please do not hesitate to contact subject teachers.

Subject specific revision resources are available on our website. Many of them have multiple subject resources therefore can be used across all areas.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's Progress Leader.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bradbury-Cheetham
Vice Principal - Curriculum