

25th May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that your child will take important end of year exams after half term. Please see the dates below.

| Year group | Date                                  |
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| 7          | Week commencing 5 <sup>th</sup> June  |
| 8          | Week Commencing 12th June             |
| 9          | Week Commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> June |

These exams will assess what the pupils know in each subject and their application of the key knowledge taught this year. The results of these exams and the overall progress made by pupils will be used to inform classes next academic year. They will be taken in classrooms and will be completed under exam conditions in which the highest levels of behaviour and compliance with exam rules is expected. This is important to prepare your child for future external examinations.

To help with this, subject teachers will be giving advice about how and what to revise for their subject. Staff have begun to upload these revision lists to Class Charts for pupils to begin reviewing key content. We have found that some of the best strategies for revision are the simplest. These are detailed below.

## Look, Cover, write check.

An effective strategy in which the students read the section they wish to revise. We recommend that this is brief of no more one sentence at a time to be most effective. Your child should then cover the sentence, try to write it from memory and then check if it is correct.

## Flashcards/quiz cards

A simple revision strategy in which pupils write a key word or question on one side of the card and the meaning or answer on the other side. Pupils should make sure that they keep these cards simple and not write too much on them. Using flashcards or quiz cards is a good way to support your child as you yourself can test them on key content.

Exams will take place in normal lesson time, in their subject classrooms and pupils should bring their PE kits as normal.

The results of the exams will be used along with all the other assessments they have completed during the year to help teachers make a judgement about the progress pupils have made. This information will be collated and sent out to you on the end of year report in July.

If you have any questions about the upcoming exam season please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully, Mrs C. Avison Assistant Head teacher





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