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Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Key Stage 3 mid-year assessments for core subjects

After February half term, week of 24th February, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting mid-year assessments in science, English and maths. This experience is a vital part of our support for pupils to prepare for sitting formal examinations at the end of their time with us in Year 11.

The focus of these assessments will be to understand the extent to which pupils have mastered the knowledge and skills taught over the course of the year to date. To support pupils to prepare for them, there will be specific direction given to pupils prior to the half-term break by their teachers in these subjects which will be found on Class Charts. These assessments will be carried out in classrooms during their normal lesson time and will last in the region of one hour.

Preparation for these assessments is essential and we encourage you to support your child checking ClassCharts and carrying out the revision tasks and using the resources that have been set. There will be specific guidance for each subject on the amount of time that is required to prepare for these assessments.

The assessments will take place on:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	28 th February	26 th February	27 th February
Maths	27 th February	27 th February	27 th February
Science	28 th February	26 th February	27 th February

The outcomes of the mid-year assessments will be reported to parents in the Spring Grade Card sent out in the week prior to the Easter holiday. The grade will show if your child achieved above the average, at the average or below the average range in the year group. In addition, you will be given a percentage score. These papers will be made available for your child to take home and share with you just prior to the Easter break. Attendance to school on these days is essential.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

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