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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that the week commencing 6 June will be Exam week at Selwood Academy. Exam week will be different for each year group and below is a brief outline of what to expect:

Year 5

Pupils in Year 5 will be having some Pixl exam papers based on Reading, Spelling and Grammar and Maths. These are used to inform teachers of gaps in children's knowledge, assist them with making accurate Teacher Assessed Grades and help make sure children receive the appropriate support moving forward.

Year 6

As Year 6 have just finished their SATs, I think you will be glad to hear that Year 6 will just be having a Science Quiz on Google Forms. This is something that pupils are very used to completing and helps to inform what knowledge pupils have learnt in Science throughout the year so far, as well as support Teacher Assessed Grades.

Year 7

Pupils will have a variety of exams including an end of year Pearson's Exam in Maths; In English, they will have an opportunity to show what they have learnt about a specific genre of writing; a Google Form quiz will take place in Science; In Art, they will take a practical exam and finally in French they have a reading and listening exam.

Year 8

Year 8 will have an exam from each area of the curriculum from Drama through to English. They will have their normal end of year GL Exams that help support Middle schools measure progress and a selection of practical exams in subjects like Art to a written exam in the hall for subjects like History and Geography.

These internal exams are not meant to be a stressful time for pupils and in the vast majority of cases, they will be very used to the process and will be no different to normal assessments that take place at school. We do intend to give our Year 7 and 8 pupils a slightly more formal approach so they can gain valuable exam experience in preparation for what is to come at the College but for all other years, exams will be in normal classes alongside their class teacher.

The main purpose of the exams is to enable us to provide more accurate end of year assessments across the curriculum to you as parents. It will also allow us to pass on accurate and up to date data to your child's new schools and teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Finlay Deputy Headteacher

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