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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Assessment Week Monday 5th – Friday 9th June 2023

I write to inform you that all Year 7 students will be sitting assessments (in classrooms) during the week detailed above. A copy of the assessment timetable is provided on the back of this sheet. Year 9 students will start their GCSE option courses after the half term holiday and a large number of Year 7 and 8 lessons will move as a result. Consequently, your child might look at this exam timetable and think there is a mistake, as they don't know their timetable for after half term yet.

These tests will provide an opportunity for staff to assess students' progress during Year 7. It will provide information to go alongside ongoing assessment material gathered throughout the year when staff write end of year reports for each student. I am sure there is little need for me to stress the importance of these assessments as they will give students, parents and teachers a clear indication of the progress being made in each subject. Equally, I am certain you will support the school in stressing to your son or daughter the importance of thorough preparation for these assessments.

Teaching staff will inform children of the assessment requirements (details will be provided on ClassCharts/Teams) and areas of study being assessed in each subject in readiness for the tests. Please note that the Design Department, covering Art and the Technology subjects, is taught on a carousel basis which makes carrying out a 'single point in time' assessment impractical. To that end, students undertake regular end of project assessments in all of the Design disciplines as part of the teaching rotation over the course of the school year, hence these subjects do not appear on the timetable attached.

A number of tutor groups do not have Computer Science and/or Drama during the assessment week; these exams will take place the following week.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bamford

Assistant Headteacher

Y7 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE, 5-9 JUNE 2023 (SCHOOL WEEK 1) - ALL TESTS IN NORMAL CLASSROOMS

		7 Catherine	7 Clare	7 Dominic	7 Margaret	7 Martin	7 Stephen	7 Teresa	7 Vincent
Mon 5/6/23	Lesson 1	MUSIC	LANGUAGES						ENGLISH 1
	Lesson 2				GEOGRAPHY	ENGLISH 1	HISTORY		
	Lesson 3	COMPUTING		MUSIC					RE
	Lesson 4			HISTORY	HISTORY			GEOGRAPHY	
	Lesson 5		ENGLISH 1		ENGLISH 1	GEOGRAPHY	ENGLISH 1	DRAMA	
Tue 6/6/23	Lesson 1		COMPUTING	ENGLISH 1	MATHS	RE	ENGLISH 2		
	Lesson 2	HISTORY			MUSIC				HISTORY
	Lesson 3	GEOGRAPHY	RE						
	Lesson 4			GEOGRAPHY				SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY
	Lesson 5	Assembly at 2:25	Assembly at 2:25	Assembly at 2:25	Assembly at 2:25	Assembly at 2:25	Assembly at 2:25	Assembly at 2:25	Assembly at 2:25
Wed 7/6/23	Lesson 1		ENGLISH 2	ENGLISH 2	RE		GEOGRAPHY		DRAMA
	Lesson 2	ENGLISH 1							
	Lesson 3		MATHS	RE		COMPUTING		ENGLISH 1	
	Lesson 4				LANGUAGES		RE	MUSIC	ENGLISH 2
	Lesson 5	MATHS				SCIENCE			MUSIC
Thu 8/6/23	Lesson 1		GEOGRAPHY					RE	SCIENCE
	Lesson 2	LANGUAGES	SCIENCE		SCIENCE	MUSIC		COMPUTING	
	Lesson 3		MUSIC	SCIENCE	ENGLISH 2	HISTORY	MUSIC		
	Lesson 4						DRAMA		
	Lesson 5	ENGLISH 2				MATHS		ENGLISH 2	
Fri 9/6/23	Lesson 1			MATHS		ENGLISH 2		LANGUAGES	
	Lesson 2						SCIENCE	HISTORY	LANGUAGES
	Lesson 3	SCIENCE		FRENCH		LANGUAGES			MATHS
	Lesson 4	RE	HISTORY				MATHS		
	Lesson 5						LANGUAGES	MATHS	
Other Exams the following week	DRAMA Thursday P4	DRAMA Friday P4	COMPUTING Tuesday P3, DRAMA Monday P5	COMPUTING Thursday P3, DRAMA Wednesday P5	DRAMA Friday P1	COMPUTING Monday P4			COMPUTING Wednesday P1

Design Subjects: As the Design subjects are taught in a rotation throughout the year it is not very practical to test at a single point in the year. Instead we use end of unit tests and on-going assessment of work to assess students.

English teachers will let students know the content of the two tests in advance.