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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Assessment Week Monday 9th – Friday 13th June 2025 (school week 2)

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 may 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, Music 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, 9-13 JUNE 2025 (SCHOOL WEEK 2) - ALL TESTS IN NORMAL CLASSROOMS									
		7 Catherine	7 Clare	7 Dominic	7 Margaret	7 Martin	7 Stephen	7 Teresa	7 Vincent
Mon 9/6/25	Lesson 1	ENGLISH 1	COMPUTING	SCIENCE	MATHS	ENGLISH 1	ENGLISH 1		ENGLISH 1
	Lesson 2	DRAMA	ENGLISH 1				COMPUTING	ENGLISH 1	
	Lesson 3				ENGLISH 1				
	Lesson 4		RE	HISTORY		COMPUTING		SCIENCE	
	Lesson 5			ENGLISH 1					RE
Tue 10/6/25	Lesson 1						MATHS		SCIENCE
	Lesson 2	No exams on this day - Y7 Pilgrimage for Cohort 1					MATHS		
	Lesson 3						FRENCH		
	Lesson 4				GEOGRAPHY			HISTORY	
	Lesson 5			1		HISTORY	RE		
Wed 11/6/25	Lesson 1		DRAMA			ENGLISH 2	FRENCH	ENGLISH 2	
	Lesson 2				HISTORY		SCIENCE		
	Lesson 3								FRENCH
	Lesson 4	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	RE	ENGLISH 2	RE	ENGLISH 2		MUSIC
	Lesson 5	GEOGRAPHY	FRENCH	MATHS	SCIENCE	MATHS			
55	Lesson 1		ENGLISH 2	ENGLISH 2	GEOGRAPHY	DRAMA		RE	ENGLISH 2
2/9	Lesson 2							GEOGRAPHY	
Thu 12/6/25	Lesson 3	FRENCH	HISTORY			SCIENCE	DRAMA		
	Lesson 4	COMPUTING		GEOGRAPHY			HISTORY		MATHS
	Lesson 5	ENGLISH 2			RE		GEOGRAPHY		
13/6/25	Lesson 1		MATHS						
	Lesson 2	MATHS	GEOGRAPHY					DRAMA	GEOGRAPHY
	Lesson 3				FRENCH	FRENCH			DRAMA
Fri 1	Lesson 4	RE		FRENCH					
ഥ	Lesson 5	HISTORY					MUSIC	HISTORY	
Other Exams the following week		Music Wednesday P4	Music - Monday P1	Drama - Monday P4, Computing - Tuesday P3, Music - Tuesday P4	Computing - Monday P4, Drama - Thursday P4. It will not be possible to do a Music assessment - 2 weeks later is Challenge Week, which is when the next lesson would be scheduled.	Music - Thursday P2		Computing - Wednesday P3, Music - Monday P2	Computing - Tuesday P4

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.