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16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians

## Re: Year 7 Assessments

I am writing to inform you that during the week beginning **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, our Year 7 students will be undertaking their end-of-year assessments across a range of subjects. These assessments form an important part of our academic calendar and provide valuable insights into your child's progress and understanding across the curriculum.

Assessments for **English**, **Maths**, **Science**, **and History** will take place under formal examination conditions in the assembly hall. This experience is an important opportunity for students to develop their confidence with exam structures, expectations, and time management, all of which will support their future academic success.

Below is the schedule for the formal assessments taking place in the hall:

Day	Periods I/2	Periods 3/4
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	A Band Science	B Band Maths
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	A Band English	B Band English
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	A Band Maths	B Band Science
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	A Band History	B Band History

In addition to these formal assessments, other subjects will also be conducting key final assessments. These will take place either during the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 or the weeks either side, depending on subject schemes of work. Class teachers will communicate the timings and plans for these assessments directly to their groups, ensuring students are fully prepared.

Students **must** come prepared and self-sufficient for each assessment. Class teachers will communicate what is required for the in-class assessments that will run. The equipment required for the formal sittings is listed below and should be brought in a clear pencil case or container.

- English: Black ballpoint pen and three highlighters
- Maths: Black ballpoint pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, pair of compasses, suitable calculator
- Science: Black ballpoint pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, suitable calculator
- History: Black ballpoint pen

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In preparation for these assessments students will:

- Receive a dedicated assembly to help them understand the purpose and format of the assessments, which will include an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have.
- Preparation time during Tutorial, offering guidance to ensure that students feel confident and wellprepared.
- Subject preparation in lesson time from their class teacher and guidance on what preparation, if at all, is recommended outside of lessons.

We appreciate that students will want to perform to the best of their abilities and prepare very thoroughly. It is important that the approach to any assessment is planned and carefully balance with self-care. Our website offers some helpful <u>tips and advice</u> on how students can approach preparations as well as how parents can support their child at home.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Year 7 Pastoral Team. We appreciate your support and look forward to sharing your child's achievements with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alexandra Neill Assistant Head Teacher

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