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To the Parents / Carers of: **All Year 7 Students**

Dear Parent / Carer

The Year 7 examinations will take place in Term 6, week beginning the 4th June 2018.

These examinations will take place during normal lesson time – students will be told by their class teacher when the exams will take place and what topics will be covered.

In order to prepare the students for future GCSE and A-Level examinations, these end of year exams will follow the same code of conduct as the external examinations. Please can you ensure that your child has the following equipment for the examinations:

- 1 x clear pencil case (a clear plastic bag will be suitable e.g. a sandwich bag)
- 2 x black ball pens (not rollerballs, gel pens or blue pens)
- 2 x HB pencils
- 1 x eraser
- 1 x ruler – ideally clear plastic
- 1 x calculator (where allowed)
- 1 x protractor
- 1 x pair of compasses
- Coloured pencils (where needed)

It is very important that students revise for these examinations. Year 7 students have been looking at revision strategies during their Skills Based Curriculum lessons and this will be an opportunity to identify which techniques work best for them. Some revision techniques are listed below. It would be useful to produce a revision timetable, ensuring that your child covers each of his / her subjects but also builds in breaks into his / her revision programme.

If you have any questions regarding these examinations then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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SOME REVISION TECHNIQUES

Different techniques work for different students, but here are some ideas for making revision varied and effective:



Produce mindmaps of key topics or concepts. These could incorporate colour and images.

Create flashcards summarising key terms or concepts. Use these to test what the student can remember.



KS3 Bitesize

There are also a wealth of revision resources available online. One reputable revision website is BBC's KS3 Bitesize, which includes revision notes, interactive games and tests.



Revise a particular topic and then work through an example question. Use success criteria, or compare to example answers in order to assess progress made.



Hold short question and answer sessions on a particular topic or subject. These could be based on example questions provided by the teacher, or student/partner devised questions.

During the tests:

Please:

- Encourage your son /daughter to get plenty of rest and to take breaks during revision;
- Check that they have the correct equipment for each test;
- Encourage them to focus on positives rather than worrying about a test they found especially challenging.

Thank you for reading this.

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