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Dear Parents and Carers

### **End of Year Assessment/Exams for Years 7 - 10 & Year 12**

As we approach the final half term of this academic year I'm writing to outline our plans for the end of year exams and parental reports. As we begin to return to some more normal routines at school and look forward to some much missed opportunities such as trips and visits, we also return to some potentially less attractive routines such as assessments and exams!

Our current Year 12's in particular have not experienced a series of exams and the preparation needed to be successful, so it is important that we prepare them and build them up in readiness for their final exams next summer. Year 10 will also be approaching their final year of KS4 courses and, as the content and format of exams for 2022 have yet to be decided, it is also important that they get a chance to prepare and experience assessments in a more formal setting.

Between now and the 25th June all year groups will undertake end of year exams/assessments. For Years 7-9 these will take place in timetabled lessons. For Year 10, English, Maths, Science, Geography and History will take place in the Gym Halls and other subjects will be completed in timetabled lessons. Year 12 exams will predominantly be completed in the Gym Halls.

Year 9 exams will have some significance for the setting of GCSE groups in Maths, Science and Modern Languages. In these subjects there are still different entry tierings available e.g. Higher and Foundation Level. Setted groupings in these subjects will prepare students for the different exams they will be taking.

In Science, the information from assessments will be used to allocate students to an AQA Science GCSE course that is appropriate for them. The sixty most able students in the year group will be selected to study separate sciences at Higher Tier entry in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and will be awarded three GCSE grades at the end of their course. The remaining students will be selected for AQA Trilogy GCSE Science, a "Double Award" combined science GCSE, studying all three sciences and will be awarded two science GCSE grades at the end of their course. This can be entered at either Higher or Foundation tier.

The results from these assessments will be included in the end of year reports for each year group. These reports will also include the usual progress and effort information and a written comment from Tutors that provides an overview of your child's academic progress this year and their engagement with school life.

Yours sincerely



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