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Dear Parents and Carers

End of Year Assessment/Exams

As we work through the final term of this academic year, I am writing to you to outline our plans for the end of year assessments/exams, and to explain how this links to parental reports.

Year 12 assessments take place between May 2nd and 12th. For Years 7-9 these will take place between May 22nd and June 9th. All of these assessments take place in timetabled lessons.

Year 9 exams will also have some significance, as they will assist us in ensuring that students are in the correct GCSE groups in Maths, Science and Modern Languages. In these subjects there are different exams that target different levels of ability. For example, Higher and Foundation Level. Correct groupings in these subjects will help us prepare students for the different exams they will be taking.

In Science, the information from assessments and their progress throughout the year will be used to allocate students to the AQA Science GCSE course that is appropriate for them. The 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, a "Double Award" combined science GCSE, studying all three sciences. This will lead to an award of two science GCSE grades at the end of their course. This can be entered at either Higher or Foundation tier. It is worth pointing out that Double Award combined science still enables students to access courses at A level.

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, plus a written comment from Tutors that provides an overview of your child's academic progresses as well as a summary of their engagement in wider aspects of school life. These reports will be issued on July 7th.

Yours sincerely



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Vice Principal