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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Key Stage 3 End of Year Assessments, Tuesday 5 May to Wednesday 20 May

From Tuesday 5 May, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will commence their end of year assessments.

The assessments will be run in much the same way as they were in January. Students will sit them during normal timetabled lessons and they will take up to one hour to complete. For English, Science, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Religious Studies, Computer Science and PE, assessments will take place in our IT suites. Students will access their assessment via Teams and this will be scheduled in advance for them.

While it is important for students to approach these assessments seriously, we are committed to minimizing any undue pressure and stress through careful preparation and support. Teachers are preparing students with revision lessons, as well as posting revision materials and guidance on ClassCharts for English, Maths and Science. Our goal is to ensure that these assessments serve as a constructive tool for their continued academic growth and teachers will use the information they provide for future curriculum planning.

As a reminder, students will need their unique exam number. This is the same number that was issued for the last assessments in January. In order that the assessments start smoothly, please can you remind your son/daughter of the importance of knowing this number. If they are not sure, ask them to approach their teachers prior to the assessment. This will help us when we come to analyse the results so that we can adapt our curriculum where needed and offer the best level of support and intervention to meet the needs of all students moving forwards.

As always, attendance is very important and, in light of this, we will be running catchup sessions for any assessments missed. The results of all assessments will be published in the end of year report and this will be emailed home to parents / carers the week beginning 15 June. As with the mid- year reports, they will contain rank order information with a link to a guide providing further information.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish your son / daughter good luck in their upcoming assessments and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

John Bradford
Assistant Headteacher

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