



7th May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Year Assessments and Exams

With our GCSE and A Level exams now well underway, it is timely for us to think about the end of year assessment for Years 7 to 10. The purpose of these exams and assessments is to help our students to consolidate what has been learned over the year and gradually develop exam strategies that will be of use in Year 11 and 13. Our experience tells us that a gentle introduction to exams is a helpful way of students developing resilience for exams in later years.

We would be grateful if you could support your child with the development of effective study habits. You may find the following links useful in this:

1. Year 7 End of Year Assessment and Exams Overview <https://tinyurl.com/y4sxzvxo>
2. Year 8 End of Year Assessment and Exams Overview <https://tinyurl.com/y5puycam>
3. Year 9 End of Year Assessment and Exams Overview <https://tinyurl.com/y4obehgj>
4. Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable <https://tinyurl.com/y4z8keer>
5. Revision Resources (these are divided by year group and subject)
<https://tinyurl.com/y2mwfvzh>
6. The Sydenham School Study Guide (this provides an insight into effective ways to support revision and develop long term memory, you can also find this in the student planner).
<https://tinyurl.com/yxau6yqw>

Our website is changing shortly after half term, which will mean these links may change. Please look out for a separate letter from us which gives details of the new links.

Finally, we very much hope that the 'assessment experience' is a positive one for your child and not one that causes excessive pressure. If you have any concerns at all or feel that your child needs additional support with preparing for assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or subject teachers so that we can respond as quickly as possible.

We hope you have a very enjoyable half term and look forwards to welcoming all of our students back for our final half term of the school year on Monday June 3rd.

Yours faithfully

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