

April 2022

Dear Families

With the increasing emphasis being placed on public examinations through the GCSE system, we are keen to ensure that your child is prepared in the best possible way throughout every year during their time at Dixons Kings Academy.

As a result, your child will complete Cycle 3 written assessments commencing 7 June until 23 June. As I am sure you will appreciate, the examinations are extremely important as they will show your child, yourselves and the academy their progress and attainment throughout the year. Although the academy has been preparing your child for these assessments in school, we are particularly keen to have your support during your child's preparation and throughout the exam period itself.

Please see below for your child's assessment dates and times:

| Date | Assessment |
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| Tuesday 7 June | Science |
| Monday 13 June | Science |
| Thursday 16 June | English |
| Friday 17 June | Maths |
| Tuesday 21 June | Maths |
| Wednesday 22 June | Spanish |
| Thursday 23 June | Geography* |

*The geography exam on the 23 June will finish after the end of the school day at 14.50.

All the exams outlined above will be sat under formal conditions in the Sports Hall. When your child does not have an exam, they will attend their normal timetabled lesson. Attendance and punctuality are key in ensuring a successful exam series for your child. Students will also be sitting exams in other subjects during this period, but some will take place in classrooms. Exam results for all subjects will be shared with you following our usual reporting process.

Your child should work independently at home. Revising and managing a workload are key skills that your child will need to succeed at university, thrive in a top job or a real alternative and lead a happy and successful life. Key activities that your child should be doing when revising are:

- Self-quizzing – regularly testing against specific topics
- Completing past paper questions
- Chunking revision – spending a maximum of 45 minutes on any topic



Below is a list of ways that you can help your child during the run up and during the exam season:

- Help them organise a quiet area in which to revise
- Test them on key facts or figures
- Ask them to teach you different topics so that you can check their understanding
- Ensure they are well rested the day before the exam and have plenty of sleep
- Ensure they have a good breakfast on the morning of the assessment
- Ensure they have all the equipment needed for school
- Ask them to bring a clear water bottle with water in it
- Ask them how their exams went, take an interest and help keep them calm.

If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or myself directly. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



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