

April 2022

Dear Families,

Your child will complete Cycle 3 written assessments beginning Monday 6 June until Wednesday 22 June. As I am sure you appreciate, the examinations are extremely important, as they will show your child, yourselves and the academy, their progress and attainment. During this time, your child will also gain knowledge and understanding of this process in preparation for the external examinations next year. Please see below for your child's assessment dates and times:

Date	Assessment
Monday 6 June	English Literature
Wednesday 8 June	Maths Paper 1
Thursday 9 June	English Language
Friday 10 June	RE
Tuesday 14 June	Spanish Reading and Listening
Wednesday 15 June	Science - Biology
Friday 17 June	Science – Chemistry*
Monday 20 June	Maths Paper 2
Monday 20 June	Spanish Writing
Tuesday 21 June	Geography
Wednesday 22 June	Science - Physics

*The chemistry exam on 17 June will finish after the end of the usual school end time at 15.00.

All the exams outlined above will be sat under formal conditions in the Sports Hall. Students will also be sitting exams in other subjects during this period of time, but some will take place in classrooms. The Art and Photography exams will take place on Thursday the 30 June for C band students and Friday 1 July for D band students. Exam results for all subjects will be shared with you following our usual reporting process.

Although the academy has been preparing students for these exams in school, we are particularly keen to have your support during your child's preparation and throughout the exam period itself. 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. Top performing state, private and international schools all expect students to complete, at least, 15 hours of independent work each week throughout the year and significantly more in preparation for examinations.

Now that your child's Cycle 3 assessments are just weeks away, it is critical that they increase their revision time at home. In order to be successful, your child should spend, at least, 20 hours revising each week – a typical week could consist of 2 to 3 hours each weekday and 5 hours over the weekend. 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 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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