

4 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Summer Assessments 2024

I am pleased to be able to share with you the details of the assessments that your child will complete during the final term of this academic year. These assessments are an important part of the work that your child is completing to review their progress and ensure that their teachers can assess their understanding in core subjects.

All assessments will take place in the Sports Hall under examination conditions. It is important that across Key Stage 3 students experience formal examination conditions to prepare them in advance of their GCSE examinations in Year 11. They will also enable students to practise their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these assessments will indicate where students need to focus their revision on, moving forward. These assessments will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support over the next academic year.

Please find dates and times of assessments below:

Year 7

- Tuesday 14 May 8:45am - English assessment
- Wednesday 12 June 8:45am - Maths assessment

Year 8

- Tuesday 14 May 12.30pm - English assessment
- Monday 17 June 12.30pm - Maths assessment

Year 9

- Wednesday 12 June 11:45am - English assessment
- Thursday 13 June 8:45am - Maths assessment
- Monday 17 June 8.45am - Science assessment

It is vital that all students attend school on the days of their assessments.

Expectations

Senior Leaders will conduct assemblies with each year group to share the exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and smart watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case (although equipment will be provided for each examination)
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade. It is important that students experience the same conditions during assessments so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via c.gibson@normanby.outwood.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Gibson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Miss Christy Gibson
Assistant Principal