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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Year 7 Assessment Week Monday 3rd – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (school week 1)**

I write to inform you that all Year 7 students will be sitting assessments (in classrooms) during the week detailed above. A copy of the assessment timetable is provided on the back of this sheet. Year 9 students will start their GCSE option courses after the half term holiday and a large number of Year 7 and 8 lessons will move as a result. Consequently, your child may look at this exam timetable and think there is a mistake, as they don't know their timetable for after half term yet.

These tests will provide an opportunity for staff to assess students' progress during Year 7. It will provide information to go alongside ongoing assessment material gathered throughout the year when staff write end of year reports for each student. I am sure there is little need for me to stress the importance of these assessments as they will give students, parents and teachers a clear indication of the progress being made in each subject. Equally, I am certain you will support the school in stressing to your son or daughter the importance of thorough preparation for these assessments.

Teaching staff will inform children of the assessment requirements (details will be provided on ClassCharts/Teams) and areas of study being assessed in each subject in readiness for the tests. Please note that the Design Department, covering Art and the Technology subjects, is taught on a carousel basis which makes carrying out a 'single point in time' assessment impractical. To that end, students undertake regular end of project assessments in all of the Design disciplines as part of the teaching rotation over the course of the school year, hence these subjects do not appear on the timetable attached.

A number of tutor groups do not have Computer Science and/or Drama during the assessment week; these exams will take place the following week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Bamford'.

Mr M Bamford

**Assistant Headteacher**

**Y7 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE, 3-7 JUNE 2024 (SCHOOL WEEK 1) - ALL TESTS IN NORMAL CLASSROOMS**

		7 Catherine	7 Clare	7 Dominic	7 Margaret	7 Martin	7 Stephen	7 Teresa	7 Vincent
Mon 3/6/24	Lesson 1	COMPUTING	RE			ENGLISH 1	ENGLISH 1	RE	
	Lesson 2			HISTORY	ENGLISH 1	FRENCH	HISTORY		MUSIC
	Lesson 3	ENGLISH 1		FRENCH	HISTORY	GEOGRAPHY		HISTORY	FRENCH
	Lesson 4		ENGLISH 1				RE	ENGLISH 1	
	Lesson 5	HISTORY		ENGLISH 1					RE
Tue 4/6/24	Lesson 1	MUSIC	MATHS	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	RE	GEOGRAPHY		
	Lesson 2					HISTORY			
	Lesson 3	RE	FRENCH	GEOGRAPHY	DRAMA			ENGLISH 2	ENGLISH 1
	Lesson 4				ENGLISH 2			FRENCH	SCIENCE
	Lesson 5	ENGLISH 2	HISTORY	RE			ENGLISH 2		
Wed 5/6/24	Lesson 1	MATHS		MUSIC	GEOGRAPHY			SCIENCE	HISTORY
	Lesson 2	FRENCH				MATHS	MATHS		MATHS
	Lesson 3		GEOGRAPHY	MATHS		ENGLISH 2	SCIENCE		
	Lesson 4				RE			GEOGRAPHY	
	Lesson 5			ENGLISH 2	MUSIC				
Thu 6/6/24	Lesson 1					DRAMA		MUSIC	GEOGRAPHY
	Lesson 2				FRENCH		MUSIC		
	Lesson 3		ENGLISH 2			MUSIC		MATHS	
	Lesson 4	GEOGRAPHY	DRAMA						ENGLISH 2
	Lesson 5	Assembly at 3:10	COMPUTING <small>(assembly)</small>	Assembly at 3:10	Assembly at 3:10	Assembly at 3:10	COMPUTING <small>(assembly)</small>	Assembly at 3:10	Assembly at 3:10
Fri 7/6/24	Lesson 1	SCIENCE	MUSIC			SCIENCE	FRENCH		DRAMA
	Lesson 2								
	Lesson 3				MATHS				
	Lesson 4		SCIENCE						
	Lesson 5			DRAMA					
<b>Other Exams the following week</b>		DRAMA Friday P2		COMPUTING Monday P4	COMPUTING Thursday P3	COMPUTING Friday P1	DRAMA Tuesday P5	COMPUTING Monday P3, DRAMA Wednesday P4	COMPUTING Monday P2
<p><b>Design Subjects:</b> As the Design subjects are taught in a rotation throughout the year it is not very practical to test at a single point in the year. Instead we use end of unit tests and on-going assessment of work to assess students.</p> <p><b>English teachers</b> will let students know the content of the two tests in advance.</p>									