



5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

This letter is to remind you that Year 7 pupils will sit examinations in all subjects during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March, as part of the 'Bridgewater Exams Experience'.

All pupils will shortly be issued with a 'Bridgewater Exams Experience' booklet in which they will find general revision tips, subject-specific exam information and preparation advice, as well as space for them to record and reflect upon their performance. There is also space for parents / carers to sign, at the end of the process, to show that they have seen their child's exam results.

On the back of the booklet is a blank timetable for pupils to write down when, during the week, they will sit each exam. This will vary from class to class and teachers will inform pupils exactly when these will be. In all cases, the exams will be sat in the usual timetabled classrooms. The only exception to this is where separate access arrangements have been made to meet the specific needs of individual pupils.

The primary purpose of these examinations is to prepare our pupils for the important exams they will sit when they are older. Whilst it is important for pupils to perform as well as possible in all exams, the 'Bridgewater Exams Experience' is about helping pupils manage the process of sitting exams and reflecting on their marks. The exam result is only one piece of data that we use to assess pupils' progress. It does not represent a summary of all that pupils have been taught and should not cause anxiety for either pupils or parents.

An electronic copy of the Exams Experience booklet can be accessed from the school website under 'Our School' then 'KS3 Subjects'. **It is very important that pupils keep these booklets with them in school from the moment they are handed out until the point, after the exams, when all of their exam marks (and what went well/even better if) have been passed out by each of their subject teachers.**

Yours faithfully,

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