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Dear Parents

Re: Internal Summer Assessment for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12

Over the coming weeks, teachers and students will begin to prepare for our end of year assessments.

To support these preparations we have listened to students', parents' and teachers' views about the way we have undertaken end of year assessments in recent years. The main feedback centred on:

- The number of assessments that students have been asked to undertake in a day
- The intensity of preparing for and undertaking all assessments in one week
- The limited opportunity for teachers utilise more types of assessment
- The disadvantages that students face when we suspend our usual timetable and replace with alternative examination schedules and rooming arrangements.

We have considered these and other points in order to further strengthen our approaches to end of year assessments and provide an even better experience for students in all year groups. Over recent weeks we have shared these changes with you son/daughter through their subject teachers, form tutors and assemblies. This letter serves to keep you informed about what your son/daughter can expect from our assessment fortnight which begins on Monday 3 June 2018.

During our assessment fortnight this year:

- Assessments will be spread over a less intense two-week period to support student's preparation for and undertaking of their assessments
- Students will undertake assessments in their normal lessons, directly overseen and supported by their usual subject specialist teachers
- All students will experience the normal school day including the usual helpful breaks such as movement between lessons, break and lunch time
- Students will experience a wider range of different assessment types chosen by subjects to match the knowledge, understanding and skills that are most important to assess at this point in their education.

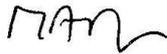


To help keep your son/daughter fully informed about the assessments they will be undertaking across all of their subjects, we will be providing them with an assessment timetable that they can populate to keep organised and plan ahead. We hope this will also help you to talk to your son/daughter about their upcoming assessments.

Through all of these changes, we aim to further strengthen the quality and accuracy of our assessment with a more supportive, more manageable and less intense assessment experience for all students. If you would like any more information about our changes to internal summer assessment please contact Mr N Barends (Assistant Headteacher: Progress and Achievement).

Many thanks in advance of your support and engagement.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

