

19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that in-class exams will take place in Years 7 and 8 in the first weeks of term 6. When we return from a week's break, students will sit exams in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Values and Beliefs and French or Spanish. This will give students and teachers and school leaders a good understanding of what has been learnt well and where there are gaps in knowledge and skills. The exams will generally be scheduled over the first two weeks of term in the main and will take place in scheduled lesson time. Each exam paper will generally be 40/50 minutes in length on average.

Teachers in individual lessons will discuss the process with students before the end of this term and explain the type of content that they might expect to find in order to aid revision. These assessments are extremely important as they help us to gain an understanding of each student and the year group as a whole. We will use this information to plan the curriculum in the year ahead and the approach we choose to take in this respect.

You will doubtless want to ensure that your child prepares at home in order to do their best in these exams. We would advise that any revision is active. This means reading material but also answering questions and quizzes in an active way. This generally provides good preparation in our experience. Teachers will discuss this with students in lessons also in the days ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S White  
**Vice Principal**