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Dear Parent or Carer

As you may be aware, GCSE assessment has changed from short, regular modular exams back to end of course exams. This shift requires students to retain their learning over longer periods and to develop more refined revision and reflection skills. To support students with this, and to build up their experience, we have calendared a two-week block of practice exams for Years 7 and 8. This will be for English, Humanities, Maths, Modern Foreign Languages and Science and will run from 9 April to 20 April.

The exams will cover all aspects of learning to date. Students will be given advice and support concerning revision. We would welcome your support in promoting the need to revise and the obvious link to improved outcomes.

The timetable for exams is set out below. All exams will take place in teaching groups in classrooms.

| | Week 1 (9-13 April) | Week 2 (16-20 April) |
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| Year 7 | Maths English RE Modern Foreign Languages | History Geography Science |
| Year 8 | History Geography Science | Maths English RE Modern Foreign Languages |

This programme of more significant 'end of year' exams will become a regular feature of school assessment from now on. Through this we aim to ensure that all students are totally prepared for and confident with the demands of Year 11 exams.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Wright
Associate Principal