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Dear Parents

Year 7 Summer Exams Information

By now you should have already received your child's timetable for the forthcoming summer exams. Pupils have been given a study skills booklet and have had a school assembly on preparing for examinations. Study skills and revision techniques will also be covered in PHSE and tutor time.

Year 7-9 will sit their end of year examinations in the week beginning 20 May 2018. Pupils will sit examinations in all subjects except music, art, games and PHSE. Some Games afternoons will continue during this week but in all other lessons pupils will be completing examinations or will have a study period.

The information below contains information on the content of each examination.

Biology: Pupils should revise all topics this year; cells, microscopes, food and digestion, skeleton and movement & ecological relationships. The questions on the exam will test recall of knowledge and the application of knowledge. Pupils should use their revision guide, text book and BBC bitesize.

Chemistry: This exam will test recall of knowledge but will also require pupils to apply their knowledge to unknown situations. Pupils will be required to revise the following topics; Solids, liquids and gases, Particle theory, More particle theory, Physical change, Mixtures, separating mixtures, Acids and alkalis and Neutralisation reactions. Pupils will find it most beneficial to use their revision guide to start their revision but may also find the BBC bitesize website useful.

Computing: An assessment will take place during lesson time after half term. Revision sheets have been issued to pupils.

English Language: Pupils have been given an AQA workbook to revise from, which they will work through in class. In addition, they have been given a SPaG workbook to support revision at home. Pupils will complete an exam paper that lasts for 1 hour and 45 minutes and contains 4 comprehension tasks and an extended descriptive writing task.

English Literature: Pupils will be given a poem to read and they will have 30 minutes to answer comprehension questions on it. Pupils can revise by reading poetry for pleasure and revising poetic terminology like: simile, metaphor and personification.

French: Pupils should revise the following topics. Module 1: Personal information (name, age, birthday etc...), physical appearance, favourite objects. Module 2: Personality, family, school subjects, friends. Module 3: School, home and animals. A more comprehensive revision list will be issued to pupils in their lesson.

Geography: Pupils will need to revise all topics studied this year. They will be tested on their ability to apply their Ordnance Survey map skills including; compass bearings, 4 and 6 figure grid references, map symbols, measuring distances (straight line and curved) and using spot heights and contour lines. They will also need to know, understand and be able to apply the work studied on the 'Africa' topic. This includes the location of Africa, countries and capital cities of Africa, the history of Africa and how it was colonised by Europe, what Africa is like today and its main physical features.

German: Pupils should revise the following topics: freetime and leisure activities, expressing opinions, frequency expressions, regular and irregular verbs, word order, inversion, qualifiers, connectives and modal verbs. Useful revision sites: memrise.com (Y7, Stimmt 1), senecalarning.com, linguascope.com

History: Pupils should revise medieval life, the English language, religion, the build up to 1066 and the Battle of Hastings and the murder of Thomas Becket.

Maths: Pupils should use their exercise books to identify topics that have been covered this year. They can try practice questions or the 'ready to progress' questions at the end of each unit in the textbook. They should also gain experience of the style of the summer exam paper by trying any 'Level 4 to 6' practice papers from emaths using the link below:-
<https://www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/student-resources/past-papers/key-stage-3-ks3-sat-past-papers>.

Physics: Revision notes will be issued for the summer exam 2019. These should be used alongside the purple revision guide and exercise book notes. Topics to be covered include working scientifically, energy stores and transfers, conservation of energy, energy stores and generating electricity, forces and elasticity, pressure, gravity and weight. Pupils will need a calculator, 30cm clear ruler, sharp pencil, and pen. In the exam pupils will need to plot graphs, describe experiments, interpret data as well as recall information.

RS: Pupils should use their exercise books to revise the topics of the history of religion and Islam. They should learn the key words and their meanings, examples of how beliefs impact on the lives & lifestyles of believers and be able to explain the importance of key Muslims beliefs and practices.

Spanish: Pupils should revise the following topics: greetings & introductions, numbers 1 – 100, the alphabet, saying and understanding dates, birthdays, age, colours, basic opinions, classroom items, family, pets, physical & character descriptions and the verbs tener and ser. A more comprehensive revision list will be issued to pupils in their lesson.

Technology: The examination will focus on isometric drawing, drawing 3D shapes, 2D views of 3D shapes and the rotation of 3D shapes about a point

I hope that this information will be useful to you so that you might support your child in their studies.

Yours sincerely



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