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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that your child has Year 7 Examinations starting the week beginning Monday 14th March 2022.

The aim of the Year 7 examinations is to assess the progress pupils have made and to allow the pupils to become familiar with the demands of formal examinations as they move towards preparation for GCSE over the next few years. Through the process of completing formal examinations, pupils will acquire key skills such as time management, thorough preparation of content knowledge as well as development of key examination techniques for maximising achievement.

Your child will receive an examination timetable. They will take all their exams in the Main Hall or in an allocated classroom under formal examination conditions and will receive an examination information leaflet to support the process. As this may be daunting for some pupils, please take some time to read through the information and speak to your child about the expectations of formal examinations. Once the examination papers are marked, pupils will receive feedback on their strengths and they will also be made aware of areas for further development to support them in their learning.

During form time, in lessons and in our Year 7 Assembly, pupils will receive advice and support about how to revise and which subjects will they complete examinations. Subject teachers will also give further guidance on the content and skills required for each examination.

There are many ways in which you can support your son/daughter in this new challenge. I would ask that you help your child plan their time effectively by creating a revision timetable and by overseeing the completion of the planned study time at home. Pupils can prepare in a variety of ways using a range of revision techniques as outlined in the information leaflet. It is essential that pupils prepare well. If there are any concerns, please contact your child's form teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss Stoneley
Head of Year 7

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