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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Key Stage 3 Exams- May- June 2025

One of the key skills we are encouraging boys to develop, particularly in the younger years, is their resilience to push through a problem or piece of work independently. The sooner boys are exposed to this expectation, the longer they have to develop these tools. I am writing to inform you that in what remains of the summer term, all of Key Stage 3 students will receive an 'exam' experience in each subject, with developing this resilience in mind. We do this to prepare boys for the final exams they will face at Key Stage 4, to encourage them to develop independent revision skills and to learn how to operate in 'silent' exam conditions. These are all valuable skills for boys to learn, particularly boys who are used to help in lessons and who need to develop the confidence to sit an exam on their own.

The exams will largely take place after half term however, there are some before we break up. All boys will have been briefed by their teachers about exams for each subject. Most exams will take place during normal lessons except for English, maths and science which will take place formally in the school hall. In the past, parents have requested a Key Stage 3 Exam Timetable, so that they can help their son to organise his revision time. Our staff will be going through revision techniques and approaches to revision with boys prior to their exam but the expectation will be that he revises for exams in his own time. This is to help him progress and become ready for GCSEs.

I enclose the Key Stage 3 exam timetable for 2025 with this letter, in the hope that you will be able to go through the timetable together and use it as a guide for what to expect in the coming weeks. Revision topics and resources can be found in the revision Team for that year group; students will have been shown this by their teachers. I hope you find it useful. Results from end of year exams will be shared with you on our end of year reports. We look forward to working with you to support your son during this period.

Yours faithfully

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