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Dear Parent

RE: EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9

I am writing to inform you that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will sit in-class examinations beginning Monday 15 May. The three-week window for the examinations applies to all year groups and spans the half-term break, finishing on Friday 9 June. These examinations will give teachers the opportunity to accurately assess attainment and progress made during the year and will also provide an insight into the areas where students can make improvements moving into the next academic year.

The following broad principles will apply to all year groups:

- Written examinations will take place in timetabled lessons and should typically be no longer than 45 minutes in duration with, if required, some students having access to additional time.
- Revision lists will be provided beforehand by class teachers with a breakdown of the topics to be covered on the examination.
- Where possible, there will be preparation in the lesson prior to completion of the examination.
- Each year group will have a calendar of examination dates published on the school website and students will not sit any more than two examinations on the same day.
- Students will not sit examinations in PE and some other practical subjects.

The examinations are spread over three weeks as part of our aim to deliver them in a very supportive manner, reducing pressure and easing anxiety. However, it is essential your son/daughter takes time to revise to achieve his/her full potential. All students must be punctual for their examinations and ensure they have the required equipment (pens, pencils, ruler, etc.). The results will be used by teachers to measure progress against Assessed Curriculum Related Expectations (ACREs). Progress will be reported in your son/daughter's Screening and Progress Report to be issued at the end of the Summer Term, and to inform the 'next steps' in their Formby High School journey.

More details about the Key Stage 3 assessment framework and relevant links to the school website can be found in the letter issued in October. [Letters to Parents – Formby High School](#)

I would like to wish all students involved good luck for these examinations. If you have any queries, please contact your child's Climate for Learning Leader in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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