



Monday, 15th May 2023

Dear Parents,

Please be aware that the Assessment Week for boys in Years 4 – 6 has changed. With the additional bank holiday and preparations for the fantastic tea party, we were keen for the the boys to settle back into their normal routine for a week or so before embarking on their Maths and English assessments. These will now take place in the week commencing 22nd May.

The assessments will take place during regular timetabled lessons, meaning that there will be no alteration to **your son's day although** we may swap some English and Project lessons which they are unlikely to notice!

	English listening comprehension	English reading comprehension	English writing task	Maths assessment	Maths assessment (2 nd day)
Years 4 and 5	Monday 22 nd May Period 2	Tuesday 23 rd May Period 4	Wednesday 24 th May Period 1	Monday 22 nd May Period 5	Tuesday 23 rd May Period 3
Year 6	Monday 22 nd May Period 4			Monday 22 nd May Period 1	Tuesday 23 rd May Period 1

The assessment process is designed to inform teachers of your son's acquired skills and knowledge from the teaching of the curriculum as well as his aptitude for the exam process. These assessments have been written in-house by the staff and results will be passed on to you once all papers have been marked. Please note that these are not national tests and marks will not be comparable to SATs. Assessments will be marked against our own teaching success criteria.

This is not meant to be a stressful time for your son, but an opportunity for him to practice his exam technique and to experience the process of taking exams in preparation for the future. However, we understand that for some boys it can be a taxing time, teachers and form tutors will do all they can to support them through this process.

Please encourage your son to have a pencil case containing the correct equipment, pen, pencil, ruler, eraser calculator etc. We have noticed that some boys do not appear to have pencil cases with them in many lessons and, whilst we are happy to provide equipment for those that may have forgotten something, we do not have resources for every child. We would also encourage your son to bring a named water bottle into school.

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Teachers will remind the boys of the rules and process for each assessment. If your son does not understand, please remind him that it is good to ask for a further explanation. There will be rules about not talking to other boys and this will be explained before each assessment, again, your son should ask if he does not understand. The boys will be told that teachers are happy to help as much as possible during the assessments.

Any revision or preparation for these assessments will take place during lessons so the boys will not need to do any extra preparation outside of the school day.

If your son is feeling anxious, about anything he should speak to his form tutor.

May I take this opportunity to thank your sons for their hard work this year and you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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