

13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about your child's upcoming formal examinations in the weeks beginning on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May and the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. These assessments are vital in helping students to develop exam skills and revision techniques in preparation for the rest of their years at St Michael's. It also enables staff to gain an accurate picture of the progress they have made during their time with us.

It is another unfortunate side-effect of COVID that your son or daughter has not sat any formal exams in a long time, if at all. I am conscious that examinations can be a nervewracking time, but this is entirely normal, and we will be working hard to ensure your child's ultimate success.

Formal assessments give students the opportunity to practice under examination conditions. It is important that students take these assessments seriously and revise thoroughly. Your support in encouraging your child to engage with revision at home would be much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact me on the number below.

Your child has been given a folder in which they will collect revision materials from their subject teachers to help them. These folders will then be given to their form tutor after the exams in order to reward students who have excelled in their preparation for the examinations.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C L Diver

Head of Year 8

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