

23rd May 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about your child's upcoming formal examinations in the weeks beginning the 13th of June and the 20th of June. These assessments are vital in helping students to develop examination skills and revision techniques in preparation for their Key Stage 4 years at St Michael's. It also enables staff to gain an accurate picture of the progress they have made during Year 9.

It is an unfortunate side-effect of COVID that your child has not sat many formal examinations in their time at St Michael's. I am conscious that examinations can be a nerve-wracking time, but this is entirely normal, and we will be working hard to ensure your child's ultimate success. They will receive a revision advice assembly on the 25th of May 2022 and a presentation from 'Positively You' on the 7th of June 2022 that will focus on examination preparation and study skills.

Formal assessments give students the opportunity to practice under examination conditions. It is important that students take these assessments seriously and revise thoroughly. The examinations for maths, science and RE will take place in the sports hall and will imitate the GCSE examination settings. It is hoped that this experience will increase pupils' familiarity with the process in preparation for examination in Key Stage 4. Additionally, the pupils will receive an examination expectations assembly on the 10th of June 2022. Your support in encouraging your child to engage fully with the high standards expected in examination conditions and revision at home would be greatly appreciated.

Your child has been given an examination timetable and folder in which they will collect revision materials from their subject teachers to support them. These folders will be checked regularly by their Form Tutor in order to reward students who have excelled in their preparation for the examinations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on the email address below.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully,

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