4th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about your child's upcoming formal examinations in the weeks beginning the 9th of May and the 15th of May. These assessments are vital in helping students to develop exam skills and revision techniques in preparation for the rest of their careers at St Michael's Church of England High School. It also enables staff to gain an accurate picture of the progress they have made during their first year 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, and the reason for conducting the exams after the Easter holidays is to ensure there is plenty of time to support your child in revision techniques and to support them in making a success of Year 7. 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.

As stated in previous letters, 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

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Head of Year 7

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