

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about your child's upcoming formal examinations in the weeks beginning the 24^{th of} April and the 1st May 2023. These assessments are vital in helping students to develop exam skills and revision techniques in preparation for the rest of their career at St Michael's. It also enables staff to gain an accurate picture of the progress they have made during their second year with us.

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. We will not only recognise those students who have gained the top marks or made the most progress this year, but also those students who have excelled in revision; this, I believe, is the most crucial skill to develop in order to continue to progress from Key Stage 3 in later years.

I trust this letter has answered all your questions. Once again, if you would like to know more about our exams process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully

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