



# Stepney All Saints School

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Headteacher: Mr P Woods

Dear Parent/Carer,

24/05/2021

## **Year 7 End of Year Examinations and Assessments – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 inclusive.**

As we make our way through the summer term, this letter is to keep you informed about the upcoming end of year assessment week for all Year 7 students on the above dates. Students will be sitting assessments based upon the skills and knowledge they have been developing across the year so far. I have attached a summary of what will be covered in the assessments for each subject; teachers will also provide clear guidance and Google Classroom materials to students as to how to revise in preparation for these exams.

As parents you can support us, and more importantly your child, by assisting them to organise themselves in the run up to these examinations. Please support your child in creating and sharing their revision timetable. Discuss with them how they intend to balance the demands of all of their subjects as well as any outside commitments they may have. Please note that the assessment week timetable will be sent out separately to students and yourselves when it has been finalised by the Examinations Team.

Students should approach these examinations and assessments with the same level of determination as if they were sitting external examinations. If they have not already started, it is now time to start. With just under 4 weeks to go, it is vital that all students should be preparing thoroughly, not only in the evenings. Our recommendation is that pupils should be investing at least 2 hours of revision each evening and additional time of approximately 6 hours at the weekend.

Some useful techniques for students: Use of cue cards, creating mind maps, revision or study guides and students being reflective as to what their areas of weakness are. We also ask for your support in limiting distractions that could interfere with the quality and quantity of revision such as mobile phones, TV, games consoles etc. All of these can have a detrimental influence and cause unnecessary distractions in preparing for examinations.

<https://www.learningscientists.org/downloadable-materials> contains very useful information regarding effective learning strategies that they can use. We will also be using these during PSHE and tutorials in the lead up to the exams.

Below are some further sources of advice on how parents can support their children's wellbeing during periods of examination:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/>

A date for your diary is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021, which is our Year 7 Parents' Evening. This is an important evening and provides parents/carers the opportunity to discuss their child's progress, and connect with their child's subject teachers.

The school has introduced a new intuitive way to host virtual Parents' evening video calls via a platform called SchoolCloud. This will replicate our typical Parents' evenings usually hosted on the school site. We kindly ask that parents/carers familiarise themselves with the SchoolCloud platform.

You can find more information about this on the school website. <https://stepneyallsaints.school/online-parents-evening/>

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's tutor who will be able to assist you.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Year 7