

## 15 December 2023

## Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to the festive season. As you may be aware, your child will be taking their first formal assessments in the new year, starting from Wednesday 3 January 2024 – Friday 12 January 2024. These assessments will cover the topics and skills that they have learned since September and will help us to monitor their progress and identify their strengths and areas for improvement.

We would like to encourage your child to do some revision and preparation over the Christmas holidays, but we do not want them to feel pressured or worried about these assessments. Grades go up and down over time, and that is normal; the purpose of these assessments is not to pass or fail, but to provide feedback on how to improve. Your child will receive their results and feedback by the end of January, and you will receive a tracking point report in early February. We have a parents evening after the half-term break providing an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers.

Class teachers will have provided guidance on topics and preparation techniques on Arbor for individual classes. We have provided some general guidance and resources on our school website (<a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/revision-resources">https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/revision-resources</a>) to help you support your child with their revision and preparation. Details about which subjects have assessments in January and dates / times are found at the foot of this letter.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time, brings the necessary equipment, and follows the instructions given by their teachers. We also recognise the importance of a good night's sleep and decent breakfast in helping to prepare students for the challenges of the day ahead. If your child is unwell or unable to attend the assessments for any reason, please contact the school as soon as possible.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring that your child is ready and confident for their first formal assessments. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us; for questions about assessments in individual subjects, please contact your child's class teacher and for questions regarding assessment and reporting in general, feel free to contact myself.

May I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely

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	Year 7 Assessment Window 3 January 2024 – 12 January 2024
Maths	In the Theatre – 18 January 2024 UL Maths non calculator 2pm
Computer Science	In Class, Spreadsheets & Data Assessment, Task and MCQs First lesson of the new year
Drama	Written assessment – classroom based in lessons wb 3 January 2024 and 8 January 2024 (depending on teacher's classes – see Arbor for details)
French	Listening/Reading/Translation wb 8 January 2024 Individual teachers will put the exact date on Arbor by 15 December 2023
Geography	Dates shared for each class on Arbor, exercise books and revision resources to be used to produce individual revision resources.
History	Dates shared for each class on Arbor
RP	Dates shared for each class on Arbor
Science	1 x 60 Minute (UL Mid year) Classroom based wb 8 January 2024 X-side classes: Tuesday 9 January 2024 – P5 Y-side classes: Monday 8 January 2024 7y/Sc1 + 7y/Sc2 P3 Wednesday 10 January 7y/Sc3 – P1