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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 7 Assessments

As part of our ongoing programme of assessment, your child will be sitting internally set end of year assessments in a number of subjects when we return, 22nd – 26th January. A copy of your child's assessment timetable will be handed out to the students during tutor time this week and is included at the end of this letter. The majority of the assessments will take place in the main identified week, with all students sitting a particular subject's assessment at the same time, this will be instead of their usual lesson that period. The exceptions to this are Computer Science and Music exams. These will take place in computer science or music lessons during the assessment week or the week after, their teachers will advise pupils directly of when these will be. When students do not have an assessment, they will have normal lessons as per their usual timetable.

These assessments enable students to consolidate the skills and content that they have covered this year, so far since joining The Hart School, and to demonstrate their progress. They are also hugely beneficial in getting all our students used to the formalities, rules and processes of the external examinations that they will have to sit when they reach year 11.

It is vital that the students prepare fully for these assessments in order to provide us with as accurate information as possible with regards to their progress, in order to support teachers in being able to identify students who may benefit from additional intervention; those that require extra challenge; and it can also be used to inform class setting where appropriate.

Recently and/or in January, teachers will be sharing with students what content and skills they will need to be revising and will be providing them with revision materials to support their preparation. These are available for reference on the school website in the [KS3 Revision HUB](#). We do not expect students to spend a large amount of time revising in their holidays but do want everyone to have access to the materials for reference.

Students will be informed around the expectations surrounding these assessments and we would be grateful if, once their personalised timetable comes through, that you check that your child knows when and where their assessments are taking place.



Top Tips for students to revise effectively:
Know which subject exams they have on which dates.
Plan a revision timetable – but don't overload, focus on no more than 2 subjects on a school night and 4 / 5 subjects over the weekend.
Plan for breaks whilst revising – aim to have a 5-to-10-minute break for each hour of revision.
Try to avoid any distractions where possible - Find a good space, and turn technology off (unless specifically used for revision such as Sparx Maths).
Refer to revision advice provided by their subject teachers and on the Hart Website.
Create revision cards and test yourself or as a parent/carer to test you.
Create Mind Maps, list key words and their definitions.
Remember to not focus on what you can do, but review topics you are the least confident with.
Any finally remember do not panic, just try your best, we ask nothing more.

If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact either the head of year emily.knight@hartschool.org.uk or subject teachers if it relates to a particular subject.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Achievement
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Year 7 Assessment Week Schedule

	Monday 22nd Jan	Tuesday 23rd Jan	Wednesday 24th Jan	Thursday 25th Jan	Friday 26th Jan
P1	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	Science	Art	PE	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music
P2	Maths	History	Maths	Science	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music
P3	Drama	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music
P4	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	English	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	Geography
P5	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	Normal Lessons unless have IT or Music	English	DT	Spanish

Music and IT assessments will be taking place during your music lessons either in assessment week or the week either side – your teachers will advise which day.