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Dear Parent/ Carer

Key Stage 3 Mid Year Assessments

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 will sit summative 'mid year' assessments during the last days of this term and the first two weeks of the spring term. Summative assessments provide useful information for students, parents/carers, teachers and leaders about what progress is being made. These assessments aim to test students' progress through the curriculum. They test a combination of **substantive knowledge** – subject specific e.g. vocabulary, concepts, facts - and **disciplinary knowledge** – the skills that underpin a secure grasp of the curriculum. The exact ratio of each depends on the subject.

Summative assessment results are reported to parents/carers, along with an indication of how well students are engaging with class and home learning. There are no external assessments in key stage 3 and hence no 'target grades' or expected results. To give parents context we report home the result as a percentage along with the median grade for the year group for that assessment. This information will also be used to inform group changes.

The following subjects will have 45-minute assessments in the hall or gym under the supervision of exam invigilators:

Maths, English, History, Geography, Science, PD, RE, French.

Please note that RE assessments for Years 7, 8 and 9 will take place on Wednesday 17 December. PD assessments for Year 7 and 8 and the French assessment for Year 9 will take place on Thursday 18 December. Some practical subjects will undertake assessments at the end of this term. Your child will be informed by their class teacher if this is the case.

The remaining subjects will complete assessments in class under the supervision of their class teacher in the first three weeks of the spring term.

For exams in the hall, students should line up in the same place they line up for morning welcome, where they will line up in their English groups, at the times stated below. Any student with exam access arrangements such as a reader, scribe, word processing or extra time should go straight to the library, unless told otherwise by Mrs Robertson or Mrs Kay.

Year 7 timetable

	Wednesday 17th December	Thursday 18th December
11.05 line up	Religious Education	Personal Development

	Wednesday 7th January	Thursday 8th January	Friday 9th January
11.05 line up	History	Geography	Maths (non-calculator)

	Monday 12th January	Tuesday 13th January	Wednesday 14th January	Thursday 15th January
11.05 line up	Science	n/a	English	French

Year 8 Timetable

	Wednesday 17th December	Thursday 18th December
13.10 line up	Religious Education	Personal Development

	Wednesday 7th January	Thursday 8th January	Friday 9th January
13.10 line up	Science (Paper 1)	Maths (non-calculator)	Maths (calculator)

	Monday 12th January	Tuesday 13th January	Wednesday 14th January	Thursday 15th January
11.05 line up		Science (Paper 2)		
13.10 line up	English	Geography	French	History

Year 9 Timetable

	Wednesday 17th December	Thursday 18th December
8.30am line up	Religious Education	French

	Wednesday 7th January	Thursday 8th January	Friday 9th January
8.30am line up	Maths (non-calculator)	Maths (calculator)	Science

	Monday 12th January	Tuesday 13th January	Wednesday 14th January	Thursday 15th January
8.30am line up	Personal Development	English	History	Geography

Preparation and revision

All students have worked through a booklet on study skills with their form tutor this week. All subjects have 'knowledge organisers' which provide a summary of key knowledge for students to learn in the form of questions with answers. The students were given a black folder with copies of all the knowledge organisers at the start of this term. These can be found in electronic form on our academy website along with a parent guide to revision and a copy of the booklet used in form time this week. Here is the link: [KS3 Revision - St Ivo Academy](#)

Class teachers will also provide your child with revision homework tasks. The majority of subjects will teach revision lessons in preparation for the assessments. It would be helpful if you could encourage your child to check Bromcom for revision homework tasks over the coming weeks.

It is important that we build studious habits in our young people and by encouraging them to learn and prepare for assessments from Year 7 onwards, we hope that they will be more proficient in such preparation as they move through the academy.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Warriner (Vice Principal)

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