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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 and Year 8 Exam Week – w/c 12 June

Before Half Term, I wrote to you about Year 7 and Year 8 Exams via our Friday Weekly email. Now that the Exam Week is almost here, I thought I'd send you some final information, the exam timetable and the PowerPoint I used in Year 7 and Year 8 assembly this week, in case you'd like to look at these with your child.

The aim of the Year 7 and Year 8 exam week is to support students in building their revision and exam skills in an incremental, age-appropriate way so that when they begin their GCSE preparation, they are used to reviewing and relearning work they did a long time ago and better able to cope with high-stakes assessment without becoming stressed or anxious.

Students will take exams in:

English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, RE, French and/or German

All other subjects will teach their timetabled lessons as normal.

This means that Year 7 will have 7 exams and Year 8 will have 9 exams (2 foreign languages and 2 maths exams).

Exams will be taken in classrooms, during students' normal lesson times.

I visited all Year 7 and Year 8 English classes before half term to explain why we have a Year 7 and Year 8 Exam Week and to give students their individual exam timetable. There is a copy of the full exam timetable on the wall of each Year 7 and Year 8 form room and you can view them on the school website by visiting the following links:

Year 7: www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/wp-content/uploads/Year-7-Exam-Timetable-2017.pdf

Year 8: www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/wp-content/uploads/Year-8-Exam-Timetable-2017.pdf

I explained to students that they did not need to revise during Half Term but that they would need to revise during Revision Week immediately after Half Term. I encouraged students to do anything they enjoyed to get ready for Revision Week, for example: read for pleasure around the topics they've studied that interest them the most; spend time on their

favourite learning websites etc. I said that Half Term would also be a good time to get their exercise books ready for revision by sticking in any stray sheets and making sure titles and subtitles are underlined so that they can find information they need more easily.

Year 7 and Year 8 had an assembly about exams on Monday and Tuesday this week. The aim of this assembly was to help students to plan their revision, clarify what 'exam conditions' means and explain our expectations regarding learning conduct during the exam period. You can view the assemblies on the school website by visiting these links:

Year 7: www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/wp-content/uploads/Year-7-Exams-Assembly-2017.pdf

Year 8: www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/wp-content/uploads/Year-8-Exams-Assembly-2017.pdf

I ended the assembly by reminding students of one of our most important school values: 'We work hard because achievement is built on hard work' and one of our most important expectations of students: 'Do your best and be determined'.

I hope your child has a really positive experience of Year 7 and Year 8 Exam Week. If you have any queries or any feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tania Andrie', written in a cursive style.

Tania Andrie
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