

Dear parents and carers,

We are about to enter into this year's final assessment window for students in Key Stage 3. This means that **they will be sitting end of year tests in most of their subjects.** These will take place in the following assessment windows:

- **Year 9 students will sit their tests in the weeks beginning 23/5 and 6/6.**
- **Year 8 students will sit their tests in the week beginning 13/6.**
- **Year 7 students will sit their tests in the week beginning 20/6.**

For years 7 and 8, all tests will be sat under exam conditions in their normal lessons. For year 9; English, English Literature, both maths papers and Science will be sat in the main exam hall. This is in order to give them an experience similar to GCSE/BTEC exams in preparation for years 10 and 11. **All other tests will be sat in classrooms.**

All tests will cover a cross section of the knowledge and skills that they have been taught and practised this year, with no tricks or surprises. **Students will be given advice about how to revise for these in class** and should spend some time first testing themselves on their subject knowledge, before further revisiting content.

Any students with SEND or for whom their normal way of working is using a word processor, or with other reasonable adjustments, will be allowed to complete their tests with these adjustments planned for. For such students in year 9, this may mean that they will not sit these exams in the hall, but instead in another supervised venue. **Please contact Mrs Gatford (LGatford@theangmeringschool.co.uk) or Ms Lyons (Vlyons@theangmeringschool.co.uk) if you have any concerns or queries about reasonable adjustments for your child.**

In terms of preparing your child, **it is important to reassure them that these tests are a benchmark,** helping teachers to know how to support them and challenge them to progress further. **Their gaps and mistakes are as important to us as their successes and we will celebrate everyone's efforts.** It is normal for students to feel slightly anxious about exams and testing, so your support in preparing them is much appreciated. **If you have any more significant concerns about their readiness for these exams please speak directly to your child's tutor or Year Team Leader.**

Students will not receive grades for these assessments, but instead will receive a percentage to reflect their attainment. These outcomes will be used to support the reports which are due to come out shortly afterwards for students in years 7 and 9, with the judgements in these reports reflecting their progress in all classwork, homework and assessments across the course of the year.

Kind regards,

Matthew Whatford, Deputy Headteacher