

24th April 2008

Dear Parents

SATS INFORMATION

As you are aware, the National Curriculum Key Stage 3 tests in English, Science and Mathematics will take place shortly, between 6th – 9th May. These National Standardised Tests will take place in the Queen's Hall under the same strict conditions as any other public examinations. They are externally marked and results will be published in due course.

As far as your son is concerned the timings of these examinations will be as follows:

Tuesday, 6 th May	9.10 a.m.	Mental Mathematics	(20 minutes)
		Mathematics Paper 1	(1 hour)
	10.30 a.m.	Normal Lessons Resume	(Period 3)
	2.25 p.m.	Mathematics Paper 2	(1 hour)
Wednesday, 7 th May	9.15 a.m.	English Writing Paper: (Longer Writing Task)	(45 minutes including 15 minutes planning)
		(Shorter Writing Task)	(30 minutes)
	10.30 a.m.	Normal Timetable Resumes	(Period 3)
Thursday, 8 th May	9.15 a.m.	English Reading Paper	(1 hour + 15 minutes reading time)
	10.30 a.m.	Normal Lessons Resume	(Period 3)
	2.25 p.m.	English – Shakespeare Paper	(45 minutes)
Friday, 9 th May	9.15 a.m.	Science Paper 1	(1 hour)
	11.05 a.m.	Normal Lessons Resume	(Period 3)
	12.15 p.m.	Science Paper 2	(1 hour)
	2.25 p.m.	Games	

Would you kindly note that boys will be expected in school at the normal time (8.40am) on all days for Assembly and Registration. On completion of the morning examinations, boys will resume their normal timetable, proceeding to the next **complete** teaching period. Upon completion of an afternoon session the boys will be dismissed. It is therefore hoped that any disruption to domestic and school routines will be kept to a minimum.

Boys will require the following equipment, which must be brought to the examination in a **transparent plastic bag**:-

All Exams: A pen (blue or black ink only) and a pencil

Science: Ruler, eraser, protractor and calculator

Maths: Ruler, eraser, scientific calculator (Paper II only), angle measurer or protractor, pair of compasses.

Mobile phones are not permitted in the examination hall and boys are recommended not to bring them to school on these days as we cannot take responsibility for them.

All of the above information will be given to the boys at a special SATS meeting.

Looking ahead to next year's GCSE options, your son will have already received a booklet about these and we shall be asking him to make his provisional choice by Monday 28th April at the latest.

Yours sincerely

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