

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Examinations: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Please find attached a booklet to support Year 8 students with their exam preparation. The booklet gives you and your daughter more information regarding the content of the exam and the key skills that will be examined.

We ask you to support your daughter by ensuring that she revises and prepares for her examinations in a manner appropriate for her year group. Examples of how you might assist include:

- Help with creation of a revision timetable and ensure there are breaks included. This can reduce panic and last minute 'cramming' of subject content
- Over the forthcoming weeks we will be addressing Revision Skills and how best to revise; please encourage your daughter to use these and ask questions about the techniques she has learnt
- Check the Mastery Sheets in her books and ask your daughter questions about the content of her exercise book, in particular the areas she has been revising. Where there are gaps encourage her to speak to her class teacher
- Ask your daughter to teach you the content of the exam in detail. Studies have shown that when we teach others we are more likely to learn something ourselves and develop our understanding further.
- Ensure your daughter has the required equipment for her exam and access websites with your daughter that are contained in the revision booklet attached
- Remove any items that can distract your daughter and encourage your daughter to study hard for 20 minutes without distraction and then take a break. Studies have shown that this technique is far more productive than lengthy revision sessions.
- Ensure your daughter gets plenty of rest and eats well during the examination period
- Discuss the exams with your daughter and help to alleviate any stress

The results will be available on Go 4 Schools on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

If you have any subject specific questions about these examinations then please speak directly to your daughter's class teacher. For all other queries please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's Head of Year, Ms Kelly Smith.

I hope you will find this information useful and I wish your daughter all the best in her forthcoming examinations.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Devenney  
Deputy Headteacher

