



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you found the recent Parents' Consultation informative and valued the opportunity to have important discussions about learning and progress.

As the SATS examinations approach (w/b 13th May 2019) I am writing to update you about the additional support that will be available for Year 6 students over the remaining weeks as we complete our final preparations for the exams.

- Maths Booster - every Thursday morning from 8.30am for targeted students.
- Mock Assessment Week (Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March) - as with previous assessment weeks, this will replicate the SATS experience.
- Easter Intervention - covering Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar for targeted students.
- Home Learning - we will continue to provide appropriate home learning activities including revision exercises, exam questions, SPAG.com, Mathletics and reading.
- Early opening on exam days and refreshments - for every day of the SATS we will be inviting students in to school from 8.30am to allow for additional preparation and focus time. Before every exam we will provide water and fruit to ensure that the students are energised and hydrated.
- Access Arrangements - teachers and the SEN department are working together to identify any students who are eligible for access arrangements. If necessary we will be in contact to discuss this further.
- Writing Intervention - we already have a fantastic range of writing work produced over the course of the year. After Easter we will continue to focus on this so that students are well prepared for the writing demands of the secondary curriculum.

We appreciate that the SATS examinations are a source of additional pressure for students. Therefore, we would like to remind you and your child that our teachers and support staff are available to respond to any questions or concerns. Also, it is very important to balance additional revision and home learning time with rest, sleep, exercise, a healthy diet and other mindfulness activities.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey with the highest expectations over the coming weeks to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students in these important assessments.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Sonenfeld
Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader

CC: Mr Payne: Assistant Principal - Head of Middle School