



# 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,

In order to prepare our students for linear examinations we feel it is helpful to give them experiences of sitting assessments earlier on in their secondary education and are putting in place end of year examinations.

The reasons for this are to help students:

- Improve their time management skills and organisation by mapping out revision time
- Improve revision skills by having the opportunity to prepare for core subject assessments
- Improve resilience by understanding how to learn from errors and build upon success

Examinations will take place in lesson time during the period 13th to 25th May 2019. Subject teachers will provide further guidance about the precise lesson in which the exam will take place and the content to be revised. Students will also receive study skills sessions during Form time, for which resources can be found on Google Classroom and further guidance will be provided by the pastoral team in Collective Worship.

Please be aware that only revision homework will be set for students between 13th to 20th May 2019 to allow them time to prepare thoroughly.

It is understood that some students perform less well under exam pressure and consequently the outcomes of end of year exams will only be one factor in informing final tracking reports and any movement between sets in core subjects. Teachers will be taking into consideration performance across the whole of the year. It is however important to be alerted to students who struggle to achieve their potential in formal assessment conditions, in order that appropriate support can be put in place well in advance of their final GCSE exams.

Many thanks in advance for your support in preparing your son/daughter for these important examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Farrugia  
Vice Principal