

KS3 end of year exams:
Monday 29th April to Friday 24th
May 2019



Why are we doing end of year exams at KS3?



- For GCSEs most exams will be linear.
- This means most subjects will have final exams only.
- No security (or panic?) of coursework or controlled assessments.
- What students are learning now or at the start of year 10 will be as important as what they learn in February of year 11.
- Students will gain life long learning skills.
- Students will need to be organised.
- Students will need to keep notes.
- Students need to get used to doing regular revision on a lot of content/knowledge and skills.



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How are we going to run the exams?

- Exams will fit into a 4 week window.
- This is to prepare students for the pattern of GCSE exams.
- Time management will be key.
- Students will have an exam for all the subjects they study.
- Some subjects will have an exam only but some subjects might want to incorporate a practical element done in class.
- All exams will take place in normal classrooms.
- All exams must take place in exams conditions: timed, strict rules on when to start, when to finish, what equipment is available, etc.

What will the end of year exams look like?



- The exams set should contain skills and content covered during the whole academic year and in previous academic years.
- The exam should contain tasks similar to the GCSE tasks students will need to tackle when taking different subjects at GCSE.
- The exam should contain types of tasks students have dealt with before.
- Marks for each task will be clearly indicated (as per an exam paper).

How will we report exam results to parents and students?

- Report result as a percentage for each subject.
- Compare where a student is compared to students in the same year group in each subject.
- Report an average for all subjects as a percentage.
- Compare where a student is compared to students in the cohort overall: top 25%...
- Look at progress made- between KS2 results and end of y7/8 or 9 results.
- An exam summary sheet will be given to students and parents on the 8th July 2019



What will happen after the exam results are given?



- Reflection is key: on the process of revision, recycling of resources from the whole year, tackling exam questions, dealing with stress.
- Next steps: what next steps need to be taken to make progress from that point onwards. Students to set themselves targets using the feedback from their teachers.





18th to 20th March- KS3 assemblies by AA

Preparation for end of year exams





From Monday 25th April- Form Time

Students receive their exam preparation pack
(exam timetable to fill in, exam content to fill in,
revision timetable to work on).

Students start gathering information from their
teachers.





8th July

Students and parents receive the PC3 and
end of year exam results





From 9th July

Students receive their exam papers back from teachers with feedback and time for reflection.

All exam papers must be collected in a central place by FTs.

