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## To all parents in years 7, 8 and 9

I am delighted to start this letter with the news that during Christian Aid week last week the kind contributions of you and your child meant that we raised close to **£1000**. This fits well with our social action principles of giving back and to help those in need. We know this money will play a part in improving the lives of others less fortunate than ourselves.

### End of year assessments

When students returned to school after the most recent lockdown we intentionally focused on getting them back into learning and deliberately did not focus on assessment. After the May half term break, we will enter a period of establishing an end of year position to report to students and parents on how your child is doing in each subject.

As you are aware, this has been an unusual year and I wanted to allay any worries that either you or your child may have.

Firstly, these assessments will be based **only** on what has been taught throughout the year. It is an opportunity for subject teachers to assess what your child knows and to help inform our planning for their next academic year.

Heads of Department have looked very carefully at what was accessed during lockdown and will only include topics that have been taught during this period based on the following criteria:

- students have engaged fully with these topics; or,
- these topics have been retaught since the return to school.

Assessments will take place in class, will be formal and will vary in length.

### The assessments will start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and end on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

All assessments will take place in subject classrooms, apart from the Year 9 RS assessment which will take place in the Sports Hall. The details of the examinations are posted on the noticeboard in Satchel:One. During this week and including next week staff have been working closely with students preparing them for these assessments

- PSHE teachers are going through the exam information with students in lessons, ensuring that students understand the timetables and know how to prepare.
- Form teachers are reinforcing this information in form time.
- Subject teachers are helping prepare students in class.

Please contact your child's head of year if you have any queries regarding these assessments.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher

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