



1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 9 – End of KS3 Exams

I would like to draw to your attention that students in Year 9 will be sitting their End of Key Stage 3 exams the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May and the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June. I am sharing this information with you so that you are able to support students with preparing for the exams and can take advantage of the half term break.

The exams will take place during lessons in all subjects and individual departments will inform students of the final details of how and when the exams will take place during lessons and on Satchel One. The rationale for undertaking End of Key Stage 3 exams is as follows:

- Provide students with an opportunity of revisiting prior learning from KS3
- Provide students with the opportunity of sitting a formal test
- Provide students, parents and teachers a relevant grade that shows student progress in each subject
- Practice revision skills
- Provide opportunities for reflection post exams to consider what has gone well and identify areas of improvement
- Prepare students for a GCSE style exam process

The Warlingham School website has a large amount of information on how students can revise as well as revision material for each subject. This is useful for students as well as parents and carers who wish to offer support. You will find this information here: [The Student Room - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Tutors will be working with their tutees focussing on TOPR strategies over the coming few weeks. Year 9 we are focussing on four:

- Revision Timetable
- Blank Page Retrieval
- Flash Cards
- Knowledge Organisers

We are directing students to the following website to help with creating a revision timetable.

[Revision Timetable Maker / Study Planner \(getrevising.co.uk\)](#)

As a guideline, students should revise for on average one hour a day in the lead up to their exams. Please note some departments may set revision as homework. This homework should be included in the recommended revision time. The results of the assessments will be shared with students and parents/carers in late June.

We are aware that some students find assessments stressful. If there are concerns, please ask students to discuss this with their tutor to receive support. Likewise, if you have any concerns, please contact the tutor in the first instance.

I hope that you find this information useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tucker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Tucker

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