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Re: SATS 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, students have been working extremely hard throughout the year and it is nearly time for them to 'show off' what they have learnt in the national tests. We are really proud of their hard work and we know that they will all try to be the best they can be. This letter provides details of the upcoming SATs and any other key information you may need. The timetable for the tests is set out below:

Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling - papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 (Arithmetic test) and 2 (Reasoning)
Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3 (Reasoning)

The attendance of the students during this week is essential. If you know of any concerns that may arise during this time, we would appreciate you letting us know immediately to ensure we can support your child fully.

On the day of each test, students will need to arrive at school at the normal time (by 08:55). Students will be registered in their normal form rooms with their form teachers. This information will be given to the students by their form and subjects tutors the previous week.

Each day, there will also be a Breakfast club available to all Year 6 students, in the Macfarlan Room, from 08:40 onwards, where they will be provided with a breakfast snack and drink. There will be no charge for this.

How can you help your child?

- Students are being set short daily homework tasks for English and Maths – please make sure that students know what homework/revision has been set and that it is done thoroughly.
- Ensure that your child knows that the tests are like the practice tests from before and they should try to remain calm. If there are any concerns, please contact us – we are all here to help them.
- Make sure they have all of the things they need for school – equipment, water etc.
- Help with revision – reading, arithmetic methods, writing, comprehension.
- Ensure that your child eats healthily and gets plenty of rest and relaxation throughout the next few weeks, but especially during SATS week.
- Ensure that your child attends school at all times, unless medically unfit.

English Information:

Revision homework is set every day. Students should also be completing Reading Comprehension challenges on ReadTheory (one a day would be great). If students want to do some extra preparation, SATs Bootcamp revision units and practice tests are excellent: <https://www.yearsix.co.uk/sats-boot-camp/>. The spelling, punctuation and grammar sections on BBC KS2 Bitesize are also quite useful and good fun. Lots of students have also bought or prepared their own revision guides. The Grammarsaurus songs are also a brilliant way to revise topics (and they are very catchy!) – have a look at the Grammarsaurus YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMhWKrdwzFr994ZhwqG4nIA/videos>.

Most of all, do lots of reading as always and make sure they are well fed and rested on the week itself!



Headteacher: Mr MG Simpson MA, NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mr S Van Der Merwe – Deputy Headteacher: Mrs M Purves – Deputy Headteacher: Miss A Craddock

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss H Lau & Mrs J Johnson

Senior Leaders: Mrs A Butcher, Mr M Eames; Mrs J French – SENDCo: Miss A Stepney

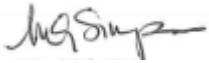
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Maths Information:

Revision homework is set every day. Students should also be completing challenges on mymaths and TT Rockstars (this is still a brilliant way to practise times tables). If students want to do some extra preparation, SATS Bootcamp revision units and practice tests are excellent: <https://www.yearsix.co.uk/sats-boot-camp/>. The Maths sections on BBC KS2 Bitesize are also quite useful and good fun. Lots of students have also bought or prepared their own revision guides.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to ring the school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MG Simpson', written in a cursive style.

Mr MG Simpson
Headteacher