

Dear Parent/ Carer

Year 7 Formal Examinations

As you are aware from the Weekly Message, Year 7 formal examinations will take place during the week commencing **Monday 15 April 2024**. This is a very good opportunity for the students to familiarise themselves with the examination process in readiness for their examinations in forthcoming years. The examinations are also very useful tools for teachers to ensure that they close any knowledge/ skills gaps before children start Year 8.

Please find enclosed with this letter and a copy of the Year 7 examination timetable. English, Maths and Science examinations will take place in the Sports Hall in GCSE examination conditions. All other examinations will take place during normal lesson times, in GCSE exam conditions. Teachers will add the date for the examination to Class Charts.

To help support your son/ daughter to revise for these examinations a revision list with links and topics can be found on the school website - <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/revision/> Teachers will also put specific resources on Class Charts. If you or your child does not have access to Class Charts, please email classcharts@thehambleschool.co.uk We have added a Metacognition guide so that you have some information about the revision and study skills techniques we promote in lessons on our website: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/revision/>

Students have received guidance from Mrs Valleley (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Fry (Exams Officer) during an assembly on Monday; they detailed our expectations towards examinations and their conduct during examinations. Students who qualify for access arrangements will have their needs met by the Learning Support team and will take their examinations in an alternative venue to accommodate their needs.

Please discuss your child's examinations with them and encourage them to revise in readiness for each examination. If they require support with revision, please do use the website here to help them: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk#zjhbr2p>

We know that examinations can be stressful for some students and we have talked to them about managing their emotions. We have also made it clear that it is important students spend time relaxing and resting over Easter. If your child needs any further support with anxiety around examinations, please do have a look at this website <https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/feelings-and-experiences/exam-stress/> or contact your child's tutor via general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Over Easter your child will need to ensure that they have all the equipment they need for the examinations. This includes:

www.thehambleschool.co.uk

T: 023 8045 2105 • general@thehambleschool.co.uk •   @thehambleschool

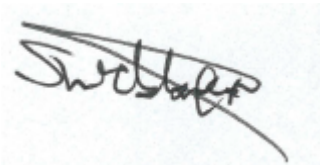
Satchell Lane, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4NE

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- A clear pencil case/ clear plastic wallet to store equipment
- At least two black pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator (if required for the exam)
- Clear plastic bottle, with water only and the label removed.

I look forward to a successful Year 7 examination season.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Webber', written over a light blue grid background.

Mr S Webber

Progress Leader for Year 7 (Acting)

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.