

21 May 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to update you on our Examination and Assessment phase which will begin on Tuesday 1 June – Tuesday 8 June 2021.

As with all examinations, planning and preparation are key elements to achieving positive outcomes. The expectation is that all pupils will now engage in revision work at home. The following information will enable you to support your child with the revision process:

1. All pupils have now been issued with a revision list and an examination timetable.
2. Course content covered over lockdown can be reviewed on Google classroom. All tasks and activities from this period are available on the Google classroom platform.
3. Pupils are advised to utilise the time over the two staff development days for revision purposes. (Thursday 27 May and Friday 28 May 2021)
4. The examinations for KS3 will be completed within the normal classroom environment but under examination conditions. All KS3 examinations will be 40 – 45 minutes in duration. Handwriting should be clear.

#### **BANDING AND CLASS MOVEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

- Sperrin College use a data informed process to place pupils within the most appropriate ability band.
- The Banding Team will use both the Christmas 2020 and Summer 2021 examination outcomes to inform any Banded Class changes.
- Year 8 Banded Classes will be reviewed in Mid – June and parents will be informed via letter if changes are made to their child's class band.
- Year 9: No change to Banded classes will be made, as the process was completed at Easter 2021.
- Year 10: Will progress to their GCSE subject classes.

#### **YEAR 11: GCSE**

- All GCSE Year 11 pupils will complete examinations in the Assembly Hall, however, some subjects areas will continue with controlled assessment or coursework.
- GCSE Module Examinations for Science, English and Mathematics will take place in **Term 1** of the new academic year (November 2021: Science) (December 2021: Mathematics & English).

#### **REPORTING TO PARENTS / GUARDIANS**

- Reports will be sent to parents at the end of June 2021.

I am encouraging all pupils to take a genuinely focussed approach to exmanations. Time well spent now will alleviate any stress or anxiety during the examination phase. As always, full attendance is essential prior to and during examinations.

#### **REMINDER:**

**Please note the following dates that pupils are not required in school:**

<b>Thursday 27 May 2021</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>Friday 28 May 2021</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>Monday 31 May 2021</b>	Bank Holiday

Yours Sincerely



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