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Dear Parent/Carer

This week I have recorded an assembly for Year 7 in which I explain to them about their coming end-of-year assessments. These assessments will take place during the week beginning Monday the 14th of June. The assessments will be spread across that whole week. There will be one assessment for each of the following subjects:

- English;
- Maths;
- Science;
- Geography;
- History;
- French;
- Spanish;
- Design Technology;
- Creativity;
- Computing.

The assessments will be held in classrooms for most/all of the subjects, although we might, if Covid restrictions allow, do English and Maths in the School Hall. We will confirm that with the students nearer the time. The purpose of these assessments is to see how well the students have done in their first year at Sandwich Technology School. We understand, of course, that this year has been difficult and subject to disruption and we would urge you to help your child to understand that they should not be anxious about these tests. As long as they work hard towards them and do their best, we can ask nothing more.

We will, of course, share the assessment results with you before the end of the academic year.

We will not, I'm afraid, be able to arrange a parents' evening for Year 7 before the end of the year due to the exceptional circumstances that we have all faced this year. However, we do understand how important these are and we will arrange one for your child early on in the next academic year. We will publish these dates soon. In the meantime, if you do have any questions, do feel free to contact staff at school – the easiest way to do this is by email. Staff email addresses can be found here:

<https://www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk/580/staff-email-addresses>

I am sure you will want to be able to support your child in preparing for their end-of-year assessments. There are various ways in which you can encourage them to revise:

- Making sure they do all their homework. As the assessments approach, teachers will naturally be setting homework tasks that will help them to prepare.
- Suggesting they re-visit the Year 7 pre-recorded lessons from lockdown, which cover many of the topics from this year. These can be found here: [Year 7 - 5th January to 12th March - Google Drive.](#)
- Recommend the use of the BBC's website Bitesize to help revise topics that their teachers have advised them to revise: [KS3 - BBC Bitesize.](#)
- Suggest they 'recreate' notes, perhaps via flash cards, posters, spider diagrams or Power Point.
- Offer to help to test them on topics they have been learning.
- Incentivise them to revise 'little and often' – for Year 7 I would recommend that regular 20 minute chunks with breaks is ideal.

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You can also help the students to be ready for these assessments at home by making sure that they:

- Have somewhere quiet at home where they can work.
- Ensure they understand that assessments will be completed under 'examination conditions' and that they must, therefore, be on their best behaviour for them.
- Have a well-stocked pencil case and a calculator.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Have a good breakfast every morning.
- Keep hydrated by drinking water regularly throughout the day.
- Don't become overly stressed and still find time to enjoy normal activities, such as taking regular exercise.

As I said to the students in my assembly, I wish your child the best of luck with these assessments, and look forward to seeing how well our Year 7 students have done this year, in spite of everything.

Best wishes

Yours faithfully

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

Tracey Savage
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