



# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## KEY STAGE 3 ASSESSMENT WEEK

The Key Stage 3 Assessment Week will be from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.

The key aims of these Assessments are:

- To provide students with a realistic experience to help them in their preparations for formal external examinations further up the school;
- To support students in finding the most effective ways of revising and learning content covered within lessons, something that is critical to success;
- To provide an assessment of a student's performance in examination conditions; this will help form part of the overall assessment of their progress and a number of subjects will use these assessments to help inform their setting of classes from September.

Below is the complete timetable of the assessments for Key Stage 3. There is also information regarding procedures and the basic equipment that students will be required to provide. Subject teachers will provide information as to the nature of the assessment within each area and the specific lesson where these are conducted during lesson time.

English, Maths and Science Assessments will take place in the gym as per the timetable below. All other assessments will take place in lesson time.

## KS3 ASSESSMENTS IN GYM

	Monday 3rd July	Tuesday 4th July	Wednesday 5th July	Thursday 6th July	Friday 7th July	
Period 1	YEAR 9 ENGLISH	YEAR 9 MATHS	YEAR 7 SCIENCE	NO ASSESSMENTS	YEAR 9 MATHS	
Period 2					YEAR 9 MATHS	
Break						
Period 3	YEAR 8 ENGLISH	YEAR 9 ENGLISH	YEAR 8 SCIENCE		NO ASSESSMENTS	YEAR 8 MATHS
Period 4						YEAR 8 MATHS
Lunch						
Period 5	YEAR 7 ENGLISH	YEAR 9 RS	YEAR 9 SCIENCE	NO ASSESSMENTS		YEAR 7 MATHS
Period 6						YEAR 7 MATHS

*'A learning community, a faith community, a vibrant, forward looking community.'*

### IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Be on time for all your Assessments (this means be there ahead of the start time)

Go to the Playground before each assessment take place in the Gym

Go to your class for all other assessments

Venue – Core assessments will take place in the gym. All others in classrooms during normal lesson time.

Seat number - You will sit at the same seat for all your assessments (unless informed otherwise)

### ESSENTIAL ASSESSMENT EQUIPMENT

Black Pens (2 minimum) – blue ink is not appropriate

Pencil

Rubber

Pencil sharpener

Ruler

Other equipment as indicated by subject area

ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS NEED TO BE IN A CLEAR PLASTIC BAG OR A CLEAR PENCIL CASE

An important part of the process is the support from Parents in helping students revise and prepare for assessments effectively. This can include working with them to plan their revision and monitor how they are using their time; working with them to try out the range of strategies shown below, to help identify the most effective for them; helping provide a quiet place to study, where possible, free from distractions.

**Effective revision – for this to happen, the 3 R's need to be followed:**

**Revising**

**Reviewing**

**Remembering**

**What it means**

The amending, editing, reworking and addition of notes.

The re-reading of notes for recall

The recall and memorising of information - ACTIVE REVISION

**Suggested strategies**

Mind maps, revision cards, revision sheets

Using your revision notes, rather than your original class books

Explain your work to someone else; Repeat notes aloud over and over again; Past assessments / be tested by others; Record yourself and listen back

Simply reading class books is not sufficient nor effective.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

*K Hixon*

Miss K Hixon  
Key Stage 3 Leader