



Diocese of St. Albans



ST MARY'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

25 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 Maths and Science Examinations: 3rd to 5th May 2023

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming assessment period for students in Year 9 in which they will sit formal examinations in Maths and Science. These were mentioned at the Options Evening in March, and staff have been preparing students for these.

The examinations will serve a number of purposes. Firstly, it will allow us to gain an accurate understanding of how much progress each student has made, and support setting as students progress into GCSE classes. Secondly, it will enable students to get into the habit of preparing for formal examinations. These exams will also allow us to further determine class sets and examination tier of entry for students as they commence their GCSE's. These decisions are not final at this stage, and may be subject to change depending on student's work, prior assessments and effort.

The exams will take place in classrooms, in normal lesson time, under strict examination conditions.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate contact me further.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Head Teacher

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