



22nd June 2026

Dear Families

Fundamental Ideas Core Examinations

We would like to inform you that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting Fundamental Ideas Core Examinations in English, Maths and Science during this half term. These will take place in the week commencing **Monday 13th July**.

The exams will be externally marked and are designed to measure students' understanding of the knowledge that forms the foundation of each core subject. The results will help teachers identify strengths and areas for development as well as helping to decide sets for next academic year. They will also support students in preparing for future learning.

The examinations will take place in normal lesson time in the gymnasium. A copy of the timetable is below:

		Mon 13 th July	Tue 14 th July	Wed 15 th July	Thu 16 th July	Fri 17 th July
Year 7	AM	Science				Maths
	PM		English			
Year 8	AM			Maths		
	PM	Science				English
Year 9	AM		English		Science	
	PM			Maths		

Students will receive topic lists and revision materials to support them within each subject and they have already had two assemblies to explain the process. They have also had a series of revision techniques shared with them.

They should bring the following equipment to each examination:

- Black pens x 2
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Calculator (Any calculator is acceptable in these examinations, however we recommend that students begin to use the GCSE approved calculator as early as possible to allow them to become familiar. The examination approved calculator model is Casio FX83GT-CW.)

Only completely clear water bottles and pencil cases will be permitted in the exam hall

These examinations are very important. It is vital that students are 'In School, On Time' every day in the lead up to and during the exams. We wish all our Key Stage 3 students the best in their Fundamental Ideas Core Examinations and look forward to seeing their continued progress and achievements.

Yours sincerely

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Principal