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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families have had a restful and enjoyable half term. Thank you to all our families for your continued support. As a result of our collective efforts all our students returned back to school looking very smart and ready, it is very much appreciated.

Parental Survey

The voice of our parents and carers is very important to us. We firmly believe that regular and meaningful engagement with pupils, parents/carers, staff and the wider community is vitally important, as it helps us to make sure that we have feedback on how well we are providing for our pupils and the school community and how we can continue to further improve our provision.

All Nova schools have invited their parents to complete this anonymous survey. Please note that the survey needs to be completed in one sitting. The survey will be available until 21 June 2024 and it should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated. Please click on this link to complete the survey [EduRio](#)

Key Stage 3 End of Year Assessments

Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) End of Year assessments will start week commencing 17th June. These assessments will be taking place in normal lessons under exam conditions. Revision lists/materials will be posted on Satchel One along with additional resources to support your child's revision.

Our assessment system is an integral part of effective learning and teaching. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have acquired and what they have learned throughout the academic year. The outcomes of these assessments will determine any gaps in students' knowledge and inform plans for intervention and next year curriculum where appropriate. Please support your child to prepare for their assessments by encouraging them to spend extra time on revision. We understand that assessments may cause worry for some students. Please remind your child to talk to their teacher, Crew Leader or Pastoral team if they have any concerns.

Year 10 and 12 Mock Exams

These mock exams will begin week commencing 24th June and we want to ensure that we do our very best to support your child to be successful. Year 10 Science, Maths and English exams will take place in exam venues; for all other subjects these exams will take place in the classrooms.

The mock examination timetables will be shared on 14th June. As with Key Stage 3, revision lists and other resources will be made available on Satchel One.

These mock exams will provide all students with a genuine experience of examinations and therefore ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations. They will also enable students to put their revision strategies into practice and this work will support them in the long-term retention of vital knowledge. The feedback your child will then receive from these mocks will indicate where they need to focus their revision next year. Their performance will provide teachers with a clear indication of where your child may need additional support to ensure they go on to achieve their full potential.

Lexia

Over the last two days we have launched Lexia Power Up with students, mainly Key Stage 3. Lexia is a computer-based literacy programme that we have invested in to support far more students with specific aspects of their reading. After an initial online assessment next week, the programme will place each child at their own starting point and they will work through activities that focus on either word study, grammar or comprehension. We will be using Crew Time to deliver Lexia but students will be also be able to access the programme at home too if they wish. We have sent an initial email communication to those families this impacts but do intend to follow this up with more information next week and are also planning to arrange an after-school presentation to which parents will be invited.

Key Dates

- Wednesday 12th June Summer Recital at 6.15 pm
- Thursday 20th June Year 12 Achievement Evening
- Wednesday 26th June Transition Day 1
- Thursday 27th June Transition Day 2
- Friday 28th June Pride Festival
- Friday 5th July Additional Inset Day
- Wednesday 10th July Summer Spectacular at 6.15 pm
- Thursday 11th July Yr8 Achievement Evening
- Thursday 18th July Celebration Evening
- Thursday 25th July End of Summer Term

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher