

Hylands School

An Academy within The Kemnal Academies Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that formal exams in English, maths and science for KS3 will be held during the week beginning 1st May.

Year Seven will sit their exams in the main hall. It is our aim to ensure that students become more comfortable and confident with sitting exams early on in school life so that they are fully prepared for their GCSE examinations.

Student's results will not count towards any qualification, however this exercise provides the opportunity for students to practise and hone revision strategies for future examinations. It also allows staff to identify content that students find challenging so that they can plan future work accordingly to rectify this.

I have enclosed a copy of the exam timetable and revisions lists provided by English, maths and science. Please take the time to look at this and support your son or daughter in revising thoroughly for these exams.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Exam Timetable – Summer 2017

YEAR 7

Date	1	2	3	4	5
Monday 1 st May	May Day				
Tuesday 2 nd May					
Wednesday 3 rd May	MATHS				
Thursday 4 th May		SCIENCE			
Friday 5 th May	ENGLISH				

Maths

		Topics Covered
Half term 1	Number	4 operations
		Divisibility test plus, minus times divide
		BIDMAS
		Using a calculator
		Multiples and factors, HCF & LCM, prime factorisation
		Understand types of number, square, cube, simple indices
		Place Value
		Rounding - decimal places, significant figures
		Negative numbers
Half term 2	Geometry	2d shape properties including creating shapes for given properties
		Area and perimeter
		Transformations - rotation, reflection and symmetry (not on grids)
		Angles and angle facts
		Measuring and drawing lines and angles
		Plans and elevations
		Nets and 3d shapes, vertices, edges and faces
Half term 3	Fractions	Conversions
		Ordering
		Equivalent fractions and simplifying
		Improper to mixed
		Adding and subtracting
		Multiplying and dividing
Half term 4	Decimals, Percentages and Ratio	FDP of amounts
		Recap equivalents
		Decimals, percentages, money and ratio
		Percentages of amounts
		Percentages increase and decrease
		Ratio - simplifying, sharing and equivalents

Maths Resources

My Maths

Maths Watch

Students need to ask their Maths teachers if they do not have the log in details.

The assessments will be on ALL the work that they students did since September. They need to take their class books home, to help them with revision.

English

To prepare for their English exam students will need to –

- Revise their reading skills – selecting and explaining information, the writer's use of language for effect and how they create tone and atmosphere. Please support at home by talking to them about what they are reading; what has interested them in the story and by explaining what has happened and how they understood it.
- Revise subject terms, e.g. metaphor, simile, imagery, character, structure, etc.
- Practise and perfect SPAG.

Suitable websites –

- BBC Bitesize KS3 English
- Search for SPAG tests and sites.

Science

Year 7 are taught the topics in rotation during the year and therefore they should only revise the topics they have covered in their science lessons.

	Year 7 Topics
1	Cells and Organ Systems
2	Particle Theory
3	Elec and Mag
4	Animal Reproduction
5	Acids and Alkali
6	Energy Sources & Renewable
7	Plants
8	Periodic Table
9	Forces