

17th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you that children in Years 7, 8, and 9 will be sitting their formal exams during the week commencing **Monday 26th January**.

This will be the first time they experience exams in a formal setting, as all assessments will take place in the Sports Centre. This forms an important part of their early preparation for their future GCSEs, helping them to become familiar with formal examination routines and expectations.

The children will formally sit **two exams**:

- **English (45 minutes)**
- **Maths (1 hour)**

For Maths:

- Year 7 and Year 8 will sit a non-calculator paper.
- Year 9 will sit a calculator paper.

During the week commencing **24th November**, Year 7–9 children will attend an assembly explaining the importance of homework, exam process and offering guidance on how best to prepare.

Children will receive a printed copy of revision resources for both Maths and English in due course. I will also send out the electronic versions of these resources for you to access at home.

To support effective preparation, we encourage the use of their Knowledge Organisers, which contain the key facts, definitions, and processes they need to revise.

Revision Tips for Success

- **Plan:** Create a short, manageable revision timetable to support regular practice across the two subjects.
- **Use the Knowledge Organiser:** Encourage daily use by quizzing your child on key terms and concepts. Little and often is highly effective.
- **Practice Questions:** Make use of tasks set by teachers to help familiarise children with exam-style questions and for children to complete their Sparx Maths and Reader homework.
- **Encourage Balance:** Ensure revision time is balanced with breaks, rest, and healthy routines.

- **Stay Supportive:** Focus on effort and progress rather than perfection. Positive reinforcement helps build confidence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed.

If you have any questions or need additional resources to support revision at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch: Lauren.Hudson@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Hudson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Hudson
Vice Principal