



Brine Leas School

An Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A child's journey through Brine Leas is not all about exams. Students have had – and will continue to have – many experiences and memories that will never be part of a GCSE, BTEC or A-level. However, we have a duty of care to prepare our students for the emotional resilience required to succeed in their external examinations. Part of that preparation process starts now, in key stage 3.

Once per term, our main hall will be set up for examinations with single-desks laid out in rows. Students in Years 7 and 8 will spend some of their lessons in the main hall to experience this environment. Please note that students are not necessarily sitting exams or formal assessments at these times. The purpose is to allow students become familiar with working in the exam-hall setting. The work completed in the exam-hall setting is likely to be the work they would have been doing in classrooms, or the teacher may be using the opportunity to model what excellence looks like in a forthcoming piece of work.

The hall will be set up to experience the exam environment on the following dates:

- * Thursday 14th November - Wednesday 20th November inclusive
- * Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February inclusive
- * Monday 15th June – Friday 19th June inclusive

Not every subject will deliver a lesson in the exam-hall setting, in every window. For example, Year 7 students will not go in the exam-hall for maths in November, but they will in February to complete their standard end-of-unit test that they would otherwise have completed in classrooms.

Formal assessment *does* take place in lessons but this is in classrooms. Formal assessment can make some students feel anxious. Exam-hall environments can make some students feel anxious. By experiencing both separately, we find students are more resilient to cope with both together, during the Year 9 exams.

If you have any questions on this, please don't hesitate to contact me on the school number.

Kind regards,

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