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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 7 Mid-Year Examinations

As we approach the end of a highly successful Autumn term, we wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the fantastic start our Year 7 students have made at The Gilberd School and to share some key information regarding the upcoming Mid-Year Examinations in January.

The transition to secondary school can often be a significant adjustment, but we are delighted to say that Year 7 have embraced this change with enthusiasm, resilience, and a willingness to engage with everything the school has to offer. Our induction days and evenings provided an excellent foundation for building new friendships and familiarising students with our school routines. Since then, we have been thrilled to see Year 7 immersing themselves in the wide range of opportunities available to them.

This term, students have taken part in numerous activities and events that have helped them settle into school life and develop both academically and personally. Highlights include our Year 7 Movie Night, where the sense of community and fun was truly evident, and the speaking workshops that showcased their developing skills and confidence. Additionally, it has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved in our extensive range of clubs and activities, reflecting their enthusiasm and commitment to making the most of their time at The Gilberd School. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved so far.

Looking ahead, we would like to inform you about the Mid-Year Examinations, which will take place from 13th January. These exams are an important part of our assessment process, providing an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning and progress across the curriculum, however it is important that we stress that we do not want students to worry about these examinations, just simply try their best. Not all subjects will have formal examinations; more details about which subjects will be assessed and the nature of these assessments will be available via Go4Schools.

To support students in their preparation, we have already held an assembly focused on revision techniques, and tutors and subject teachers will be working with students to reinforce these skills. To further assist you and your child, we have attached a revision guide [here](#), which outlines topics and resources to help students prepare effectively. We encourage you to explore this guide together, as your support and encouragement will play a crucial role in ensuring they feel confident and ready for their assessments.

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Finally, we want to reiterate how proud we are of the way Year 7 have embraced the opportunities and challenges of their first term at The Gilbert School. Their positivity, engagement, and hard work have been exemplary, and we are excited to see their continued growth as they move into the Spring term. Thank you for your ongoing support, which has been invaluable in helping your child settle so successfully into school life.

We wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable festive season. If you have any questions about the upcoming Mid-Year Examinations or require further support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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