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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Year 6 mock SATs exams

As you are aware, the Year 6 students are working hard in class and we are very pleased with their progress to date. We recognise that any form of assessment can cause anxiety for students, and for our Year 6 students, the SATs examinations will be the first formal tests that they will sit. This can be a little unnerving and can sometimes result in unnecessary worry ahead of the exam. In order to prepare the students for the SATs, we will be having a mock SATs week, commencing Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

The mock SATs will be set out in the same way as the real SATs exams, including sample questions that are similar to those that could be asked in the real test. While students might be confident in their knowledge of particular subjects, putting that into practice in the exam conditions is definitely worth practising. Mock SATs are very useful for showing your child what to expect and will put them at an advantage on SATs testing day.

Sitting a SATs mock exam, within the classroom, will help your child become more familiar with the formal environment, without the pressure of it being the actual exam.

Mock exams provide students with reassurance and helps to calm nerves. Similar to practice papers, mock exams are a great way of improving your child's time management. Although the SATs are relatively short time-wise, students must be able to read text and answer questions quickly and confidently before moving on to the next one. By sitting a SATs mock exam, students can learn to manage their time more effectively, giving them a better chance of answering all the questions in the test, rather than potentially missing out on marks for unanswered questions. We will of course be completing timed exercises in class to support with this.

We are therefore inviting **all year 6 students to attend breakfast mornings every day, next week, from 2nd May**. They will receive a light breakfast before doing their mock test. **This will be the arrangement for the actual SATs test week from 9th May.**

If you have any concerns or queries regarding this, then please contact me at school at support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Long
Headteacher

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