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### ENGLISH

For the past term your children have been preparing for next week's exams. Don't let it go to waste! Help us, help them to achieve.

The English exams take place on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday morning there is a Reading Exam, where students will be tested on how well they understand three different types of writing. All students have been given revision booklets which contain past papers that you can encourage them to read and use in preparation. Even better, you can work through the revision guide with them!

On Thursday afternoon it's the Macbeth exam. Your children should be experts on the play by now, but for some last minute preparation you can test them on the Macbeth Revision Cards that have been (and still are) on sale from the English Department for only 50p.

Last but definitely not least, Friday morning brings the Writing Exam when pupils will be asked to create two different types of writing: a letter; a speech; an article; a report; a factsheet ...in fact, anything! Along with the obvious pen, a highlighter and a ruler would help here.

As you can probably tell, it's going to be a stressful week for the pupils, and we're here to do everything we can to help. In return, we ask that you ensure they're in school, on time, well fed, equipped, confident and determined to succeed. Our staff have done all they can in school – now it's preparation time at home that can make the difference.

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### MATHS

For the Maths SATS on Wednesday, pupils will be sitting three examinations: a mental arithmetic test, calculator question paper and a non-calculator paper. Pupils are expected to have the following equipment with them: pen (+ spare), pencil, ruler, rubber, pair of compasses, protractor and a calculator.

All pupils have had 3 sets of practice papers to take home and some have had Easter revision materials called 10-4-10 to complete.

Further revision materials can be found on: [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) ; [www.samlearning.co.uk](http://www.samlearning.co.uk) ; [www.learnthings.co.uk](http://www.learnthings.co.uk)

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### SCIENCE

Science National Tests

The Science National tests will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 06**.

They comprise of two very similar examinations: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each paper is 1hr long and will test the students on all of the areas taught over the past three years.

The five main topics are Cells, Energy, Particles, Interdependence and Scientific Enquiry.

To get a level 5 in Science your child should be able to:

- Describe how to use apparatus accurately and safely.
- Accurately read results from tables or graphs and use units such as m/s (speed) or N (force) correctly.
- Draw conclusions from data or evidence.
- Remember a range of scientific ideas and apply them to unfamiliar situations.

Revision guides are still available if your child still needs one at a price of £2.

Best of Luck from all of the teachers in the Science Department.