

Dear Parents and Students

With the end of the semester in sight I would like to bring to your attention details regarding our approach to the first semester exams and the educational thinking behind these arrangements, see the calendar below. It is important to appreciate that the December examinations are formative. That is, a vital part of an ongoing learning process and not just a tool for assigning grades. Indeed nearly all students are in the middle of full year courses.

Consequently we have rearranged our exam schedule to allow time immediately following the exams for students to review their learning with their teachers. This time will optimize the learning by providing an opportunity to consolidate the material covered and address mistakes or misconceptions while it is still fresh in the minds of students. These are very important learning days.

Individual examination schedules will be distributed soon, one change for this year, exams only appear once in the schedule, there are no exam clashes. I would also like to inform students and parents that no examinations will be taken ahead of their scheduled date.

Sincerely

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The Last Two Weeks of the Semester... **December 2012**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 Work / review, consolidation and exam preparation	11 Work / review, consolidation and exam preparation <b>Early Dismissal</b>	12	13	14
Examinations – Individual Student Schedule				
17	18	19	20 Periods 1- 6 Exam feedback	21 Periods 7 & 8 Exam feedback  <b>Assembly &amp; Early Dismissal Winter Break Starts</b>
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