




Administration of KS₂ SATs

Test Timetable

Tests **MUST** be administered in the order stated and on these days
(unless a timetable variation has been by approved by STA)

Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
EGPaS Paper 1: questions	English reading	Maths Paper 1: arithmetic	Maths Paper 3: reasoning
EGPaS Paper 2: Spelling		Maths Paper 2: reasoning	





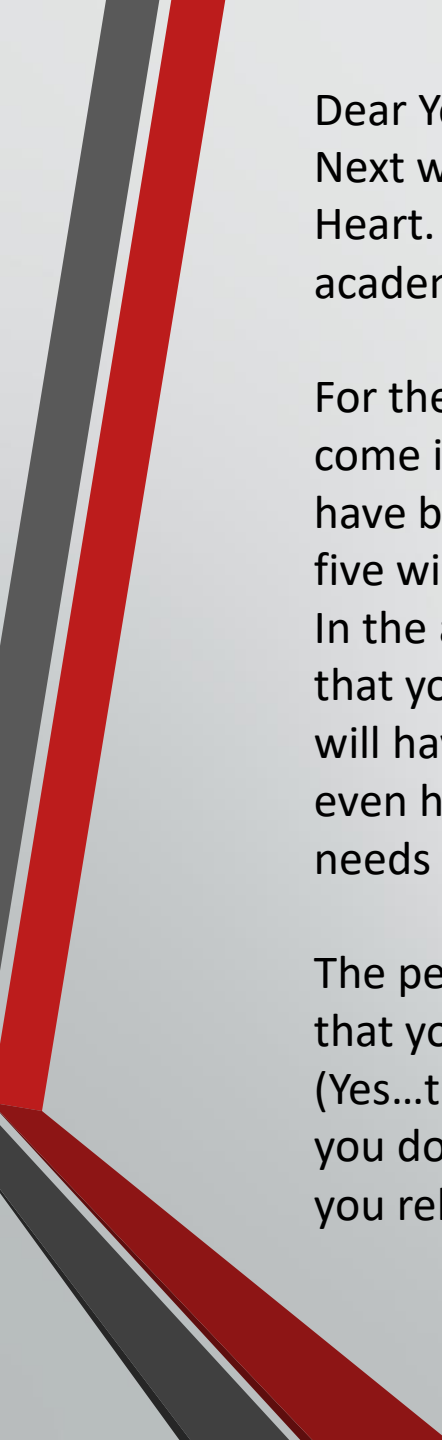
How do we make sure all children feel comfortable with the tests?

- Preparation and practice
- Rest and relaxation
- Breakfast and social time
- Space to work and concentrate
- Adults who care about their well-being and are well trained in delivering tests.
- Positive reinforcement which prepares them for test situations they will encounter throughout their lives.

What are access arrangements?

Additional arrangements to enable pupils to take part in national curriculum tests

- Test administrators must follow the access arrangements guidance and have a list of which pupils require them.
- They must never give an unfair advantage or disadvantage
- Relatives, carers or guardians must not be involved with administering test to pupils who need access arrangements
- Arrangements should be based on normal classroom practice

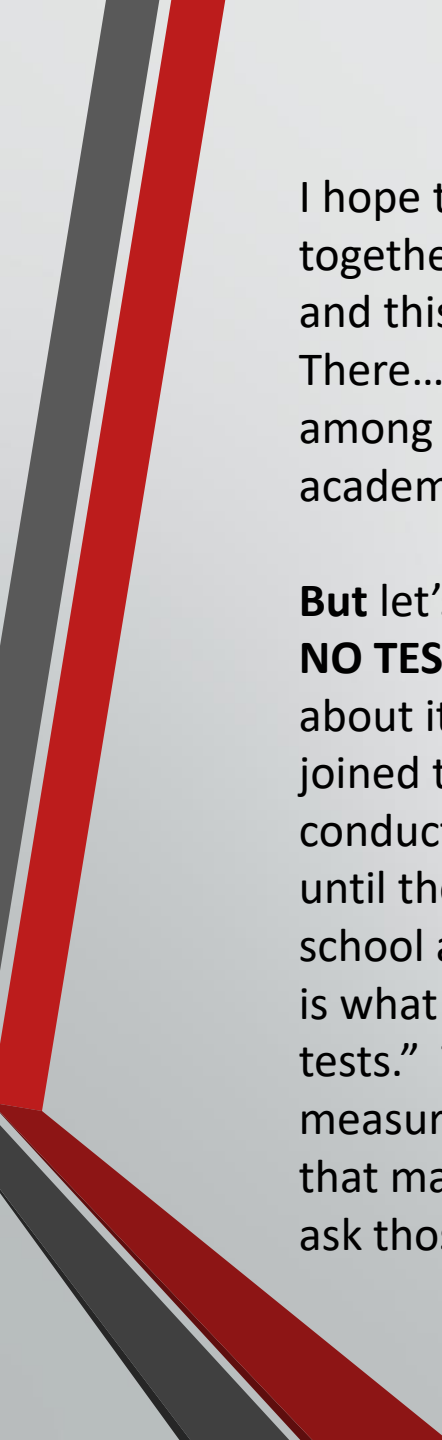


Dear Year 6,

Next week will be an important step in your academic journey at Sacred Heart. For four mornings you will sit tests which will show off your academic ability in two subjects; Maths and English.

For these four mornings the school will run as dictated by you. You will come into school via the front entrance so that you can come in early, have breakfast and spend time with friends. The children in years' two to five will only take their morning break when you are ready to have yours. In the afternoons your teachers will change the timetable to make sure that you have time to relax after your focussed efforts in the morning. You will have new pencils and equipment laid out for you so that you don't even have to sharpen a pencil. Your teachers will take care of all your needs and support you.

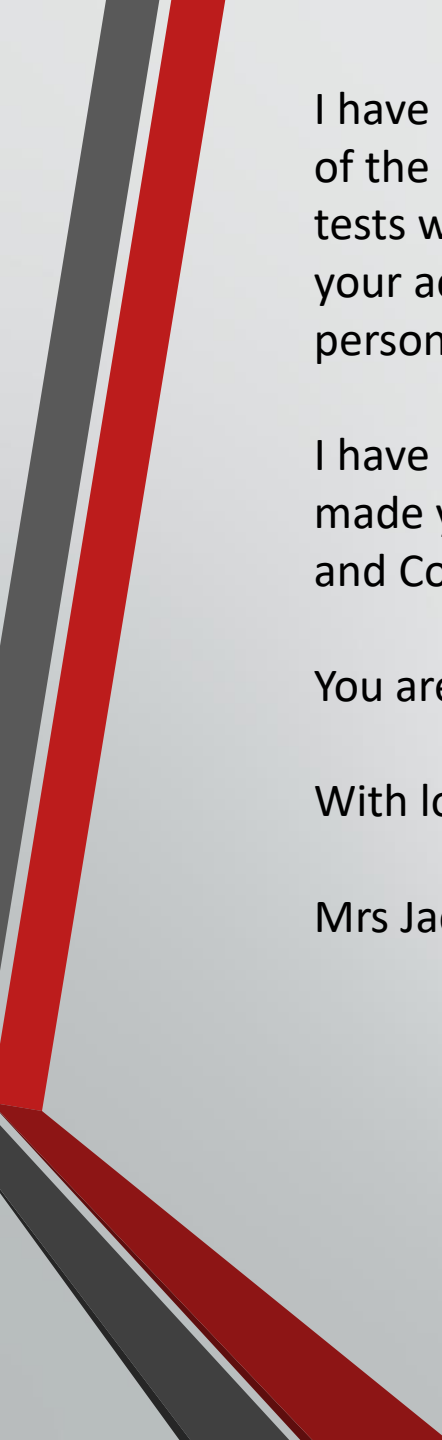
The people who care for you at home will support you too, by making sure that you eat well and sleep well this weekend and throughout next week. (Yes...that does mean that you have to go to bed when they ask you to!) If you do sports, make sure you continue these activities as these will help you relax and stay healthy in body and mind.



I hope that by knowing how the school and your families will be working together to make next week special that you do feel special. You *are* special and this is an important time for you. Why? Because exams are important. There... I said it...there's no getting around the fact that these tests are among the many important tests that you will take in your life. Your academic achievements and progress are measured by them.

But let's get this in perspective:

NO TEST CAN MEASURE WHO YOU ARE! Did I say that loud enough? Think about it. At Sacred Heart every day, every week, every year, since you joined the school, your teachers have taught you about our school code of conduct "Care, Courtesy and Commitment" and they will continue to do so until the second you leave Sacred Heart. This code of conduct defines our school and is lived out by all who choose to be part of our community. This is what matters and is why our code of conduct does **not** say "Do well in tests." The person you are, and the adult you will become, cannot be measured or predicted by a test at any time in your school life. The things that matter in life will never be measured by a test in a school room (just ask those who love you).



I have confidence in your ability to show your academic ability in just two of the many subjects we study at Sacred Heart. The outcomes of these tests will enable your secondary school to decide how best to encourage your academic ability in these areas. But they do not define you as a person.

I have even greater confidence in your ability to become the people God made you to be. I know this because the way you live out “Care, Courtesy and Commitment” will show the world who you really are...not a test.

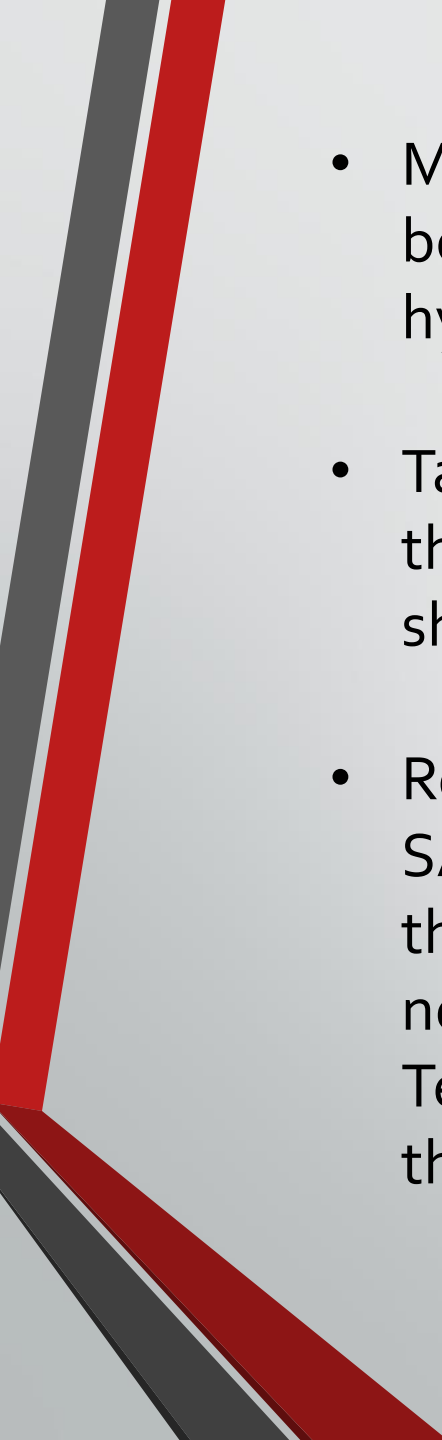
You are ready. Have courage, do your best...and keep it all in perspective.

With love from

Mrs Jackson

What Can Parents Do Before, and During, SATs Week?

- Encourage a positive attitude.
- Make sure that your child is well rested. Early nights and a restful sleep are essential for an active brain.
- Make sure that your child has their breakfast and a healthy snack for morning break. The research shows us that our children's diet makes a huge difference to their learning and performance.
- Bring your child to school early. We are opening a year six breakfast club every morning during SATs, so that the children can relax whilst having toast, fruit or a drink with their friends.

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- Make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school. Children need to stay hydrated to perform well.
 - Talk about SATs. Discuss with your children their feelings and anxieties. A problem shared is always easier to deal with.
 - Remind your child that they don't fail their SATs. They show their next school what they know and what they need to learn next. Their best effort is all that we ask for. Tests are very important, but the important thing is that they do their best.