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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 8 Assessment Week (school week 1) Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

I write to inform you that all Year 8 students will be sitting assessments (in classrooms) during the week detailed above. A copy of the examination timetable is found on the back of this page.

This is an opportunity for staff to assess students' progress after two and a half terms of work in Year 8. It will provide information to go alongside ongoing assessment material gathered throughout the year when staff write end of year reports for each student. I am sure there is little need for me to stress the importance of these assessments as they will give students, parents and teachers a clear indication of the progress being made in each subject. Equally, I am certain you will support the school in stressing to your son or daughter the importance of thorough preparation for these assessments.

Teaching staff will inform students of the assessment requirements and areas of study being assessed in each subject in readiness for the tests – details will be provided on ClassCharts/ Teams. Please note that the Design Department, covering Art and the Technology subjects, is taught on a carousel basis which makes carrying out a 'single point in time' assessment impractical. To that end, students undertake regular end of project assessments in all of the Design disciplines as part of the teaching rotation over the course of the school year, hence these subjects do not appear on the attached timetable.

Drama is not timetabled during the assessment week for some tutor groups; their assessments will take place in the Drama lesson the previous week.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bamford  
**Assistant Headteacher**

**Y8 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE, 15-19 MAY 2023 (SCHOOL WEEK 1) - ALL TESTS IN NORMAL CLASSROOMS**

		8 Catherine	8 Clare	8 Dominic	8 Margaret	8 Martin	8 Stephen	8 Teresa	8 Vincent
Mon 15/5/23	Lesson 1	COMPUTER SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY	GEOGRAPHY	GEOGRAPHY		COMPUTER SCIENCE		
	Lesson 2	LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES				
	Lesson 3					ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING
	Lesson 4	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	RE			
	Lesson 5							RE	GEOGRAPHY
Tue 16/5/23	Lesson 1			HISTORY	DRAMA	LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES
	Lesson 2	GEOGRAPHY	RE				MUSIC	GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY
	Lesson 3	HISTORY	COMPUTER SCIENCE	RE					
	Lesson 4				COMPUTER SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY		MUSIC	
	Lesson 5	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		HISTORY	SCIENCE	DRAMA		
Wed 17/5/23	Lesson 1			SCIENCE				HISTORY	SCIENCE
	Lesson 2		MUSIC		SCIENCE				
	Lesson 3	DRAMA							
	Lesson 4					MUSIC	GEOGRAPHY		RE
	Lesson 5					COMPUTER SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	
Thu 18/5/23	Lesson 1								
	Lesson 2	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING				
	Lesson 3	RE				ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING
	Lesson 4								
	Lesson 5								COMPUTER SCIENCE
Fri 19/5/23	Lesson 1	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS				
	Lesson 2			MUSIC	RE	HISTORY	HISTORY		MUSIC
	Lesson 3								
	Lesson 4					MATHS	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS
	Lesson 5	MUSIC	HISTORY	COMPUTER SCIENCE	MUSIC		RE	COMPUTER SCIENCE	
<b>Drama Exams</b>			Drama exam will be in your lesson the week before Wednesday P5	Drama exam will be in your lesson the week before Tuesday P4		Drama exam will be in your lesson the week before Thursday P2		Drama exam will be in your lesson the week before Tuesday P3	Drama exam will be in your lesson the week before Wednesday P1

**Design Subjects:** As the Design subjects are taught in a rotation throughout the year it is not very practical to test at a single point in the year. Instead we use end of unit tests and ongoing assessment of work which is how GCSEs will continue to be assessed in these subjects.

**English:** English teachers will provide further detail about the content of the Reading and Writing papers.