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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Assessment Week (school week 2) Monday 20th – Friday 24th May 2024

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 two of tutor groups; their assessments will take place in the Drama lesson the previous week.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bamford
Assistant Headteacher

Y8 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE, 20-24 MAY 2024 (SCHOOL WEEK 2) - ALL TESTS IN NORMAL CLASSROOMS

		8 Catherine	8 Clare	8 Dominic	8 Margaret	8 Martin	8 Stephen	8 Teresa	8 Vincent
Mon 20/5/24	Lesson 1	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	GEOGRAPHY			
	Lesson 2					ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING
	Lesson 3	HISTORY	SCIENCE	COMPUTING		HISTORY	RE	HISTORY	MUSIC
	Lesson 4	SCIENCE	RE	DRAMA	MUSIC				
	Lesson 5						SCIENCE	SCIENCE	RE
Tue 21/5/24	Lesson 1				GEOGRAPHY				
	Lesson 2		HISTORY			COMPUTING	GEOGRAPHY		
	Lesson 3			MUSIC				DRAMA	HISTORY
	Lesson 4	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	SCIENCE	HISTORY	COMPUTING	GEOGRAPHY
	Lesson 5	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING
Wed 22/5/24	Lesson 1							GEOGRAPHY	COMPUTING
	Lesson 2	RE		RE	COMPUTING				SCIENCE
	Lesson 3		COMPUTING				MUSIC	MUSIC	
	Lesson 4	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1
	Lesson 5	MUSIC		HISTORY	RE				
Thu 23/5/24	Lesson 1								
	Lesson 2		MUSIC			MUSIC	COMPUTING		
	Lesson 3	GEOGRAPHY				MATHS	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS
	Lesson 4			SCIENCE		RE	DRAMA		
	Lesson 5	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2				
Fri 24/5/24	Lesson 1								
	Lesson 2				DRAMA	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2
	Lesson 3	COMPUTING	GEOGRAPHY	GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY			RE	
	Lesson 4		DRAMA		SCIENCE				DRAMA
	Lesson 5								

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. **Languages:** Teachers will provide information about the content of the two tests.

Drama Monday P2
the previous week

Drama Friday P2
the previous week