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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 8 Assessment Week (school week 2) Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

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 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.

Some exams don't fit into the week due to the Bank Holiday and also because we don't want to go beyond three tests per day – please see the notes at the bottom of the table.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bamford  
**Assistant Headteacher**

**Y8 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE, 22-25 APRIL 2025 (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 21/4/25	Lesson 1								
	Lesson 2		BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL						
	Lesson 3								
	Lesson 4								
	Lesson 5								
Tue 22/4/25	Lesson 1					ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING
	Lesson 2	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS				
	Lesson 3	RE	RE		SCIENCE				
	Lesson 4	GEOGRAPHY	SCIENCE	MUSIC	RE	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1
	Lesson 5			RE		COMPUTING	SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY	SCIENCE
Wed 23/4/25	Lesson 1					GEOGRAPHY	COMPUTING	COMPUTING	RE
	Lesson 2	MUSIC	HISTORY		GEOGRAPHY	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS	MATHS
	Lesson 3	HISTORY		COMPUTING	HISTORY			GEOGRAPHY	MUSIC
	Lesson 4		COMPUTING	HISTORY					
	Lesson 5	SCIENCE			COMPUTING	RE	MUSIC		
Thu 24/4/25	Lesson 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	LANGUAGES 1	HISTORY		HISTORY	HISTORY
	Lesson 2			SCIENCE					
	Lesson 3		GEOGRAPHY			ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING
	Lesson 4								
	Lesson 5	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	ENGLISH READING	SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY	SCIENCE	COMPUTING
Fri 25/4/25	Lesson 1	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2		RE	RE	GEOGRAPHY
	Lesson 2			GEOGRAPHY	MUSIC	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2	LANGUAGES 2
	Lesson 3	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING	ENGLISH WRITING				
	Lesson 4					MUSIC			
	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.

Exams that don't fit into the assessment week	Computing Tuesday P5 the following week; Drama Tuesday P4 the following week	Music Monday P4 the following week; Drama Friday P1 the following week	Drama Thursday P5 the following week	Drama Wednesday P1 the following week	Drama Tuesday P5 the following week	Only one Drama lesson every two weeks. In two weeks, there is another bank holiday, so the first available lesson would be 19/5. History Tuesday P5 the following week (I don't want them to have 4 exams on Wednesday 23/4)	Music Wednesday P1 the following week; Drama Thursday P2 the following week	Drama Thursday P1 the following week.
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