

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you of the end of year assessments that will be taking place for students in Year 8 after the Easter break. Students will sit assessments in English, Maths, Science, Languages, Geography and History. Some of the assessments will take place in the hall and others in classrooms. Once the assessments have been completed and marked, we will ensure that marks are shared with both students and families.

It is important that we give students the opportunity to practice sitting formal assessments during Key Stage 3 so they are fully prepared for their BTEC and GCSE exams in Key Stage 4. The information that teachers gain from marking the assessments is also invaluable in supporting departments to plan their curriculum for next year.

I will speak to students about these assessments in an assembly shortly and we will be sharing further information about the Key Stage 3 assessments with students during tutor time after Easter. There will be work uploaded onto Satchel:One that will support students in their preparation for these assessments. In addition, we will be working through some revision strategies that students often find useful in tutor time. You will be able to find the resources we use with students on our website (Key Stage 3 assessments and feedback area).

If your child is entitled to an exam access arrangement then we will make sure this is in place for them.

Please do support your child in preparing for the assessments by making sure they have all the correct equipment (pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, maths set and calculator).

The Key Stage 3 assessments should be a positive experience for students, so please do get in touch if you or your child have any questions.

Best Wishes  
Ms Miller

Deputy Headteacher

Timetable for year 8 assessments:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fri 2nd May					Maths 1 (1hr)	
Mon 5th May						
Tues 6th May					English (1hr)	
Wed 7th May					Science (1hr)	
Thurs 8th May						
Fri 9th May					Maths 2 (1hr)	

Weeks beginning 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May: classroom based assessments in French, German, Geography and History