

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 next term. 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.

This year we will also ask Year 8 students to sit the Year 8 online GL assessment in Maths and English. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring students are prepared for the possibility of digital assessments as has been indicated may happen by exam boards. We will report the results from these alongside the results from the written papers.

We will be sharing this information about the Key Stage 3 assessments with students during tutor time and assemblies. 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 Key Stage 3 Assessments:

Week beginning 8th June: Classroom based assessments in History, Geography, French and German			
Date/Window	P1 & 2	P3 & 4	P5 & 6
Wed 17th June	Year 8 English (60min)		
Thu 18th June			Year 8 Maths 1 (60min)
Fri 19th June			Year 8 Sci (60min)
Mon 22nd June			Year 8 Maths 2 (60min)

There will also be two online GL assessments in Maths and English during the week beginning 22nd June.