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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 8 Assessments

Year 8 students have now been advised that their two-week assessment window will begin weeks commencing **21st April 2025 and 28th April 2025.**

We are encouraging students to prepare for these assessments using revision techniques introduced last year such as flash cards, post-it notes, revision worksheets and mind-maps. The use of these techniques has been further encouraged and reinforced across subject areas this year.

Homework will also be set to help support these preparations. This might be in the form of worksheets, learning specific facts/vocabulary, preparing flash cards, subject specific revision tasks or students may be directed to online resources.

Parents were very keen to support their children last year, and we would welcome your involvement again in Year 8. Flash cards are ideal to work through together and put into piles of "know/not sure yet". As the answers are on the back, it is easy to support your child with this.

Students can talk through mind-maps or post-it notes elaborating on any facts they need to remember.

To support revision, you could also help by ensuring a quiet place is available for students to work, while encouraging good sleep and eating routines. It may be advisable to have a "phone-free" 30 minutes to complete revision.

We have compiled a timetable of the assessment schedule on the following pages with details for you to support your child's preparation. In addition, all students have been issued with a Calendar Card, which is in their planner packs, for them to write down the dates of their assessments in subjects where these happen at different times.

If you have any questions/queries regarding the assessments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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Subject	Assessment details	When?
Maths	<p>One end of term 2 Sparx Calculator assessment (45 minutes)</p> <p>One revision lesson led by the class teacher plus a revision booklet, with Sparx codes etc, which they can take home to support their revision and know which topics to go over. This will be happening this week and early next week.</p>	<p>In lesson time.</p> <p>Thursday 24th: 8XA1 P4 NMA 8X2 P4 PSE 8X3 P3 NSH 8X4B P3 BCL 8YA1 P2 TWH 8YB1 P3 AWA 8Y2 P2 NSH 8Y4A P3 MFY</p> <p>Friday 25th: 8X4A P4 TWH 8Y3 P2 PSE 8Y4B P2 MFY</p> <p>Monday 28th 8XB1 P2 AWA 8X5 P1 NMA</p>
Science	<p>Topics 8B Plants, 8F The periodic table, 8J Light, and Scientific skills.</p> <p>The pupils will be given revision sheets on each of these topics via G4S and will have a revision lesson with their teacher.</p>	<p>In lesson time. Teacher to confirm date of assessment.</p>
RE	<p>Assessment will take 30 minutes.</p> <p>The topics you need to revise are: The nature of God, Abrahamic Faiths, Ten Commandments, Nobel Prizes, Creation, Human Rights and The Five Precepts.</p> <p>The assessment will look like: You will have 3 sections in your exam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 consists of four questions where you select the right answer. • Section 2 consists of 12 short answer questions. • Section 3 is one longer 6 mark question where you are expected to complete some extended writing. <p>Use the information in the revision guide which was written specifically to help you with this assessment.</p>	<p>8X1A – 22/4 P5 8X1B – 25/4 P2 8X1C – 28/4 P5 8X2A – 25/4 P3 8X2B – 30/4 P1</p> <p>8X2C – 22/4 P1 8X3A – 24/4 P5 8Y1A – 23/4 P2 8Y1B – 25/4 P1</p> <p>8Y1C – 25/4 P1 8Y2A – 1/5 P3</p> <p>8Y2B – 22/4 P4 8Y2C – 28/4 P2</p>
Geography	<p>Revise the following topics:</p> <p>Map skills Asia including the monsoon Oceania - rainforests weather</p>	<p>In lesson time. Teacher to confirm date of assessment.</p>

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History	Students will sit an assessment on WW1. This will include short knowledge questions and the analysis of sources. To revise students, need to complete a revision clock using a knowledge organiser. This will be handed out by class teachers and on G4S. It is then suggested students use this knowledge organiser and clock to create a flash card.	Assessment will be the second week of the exam period. Teachers will confirm.
MFL	Listening, reading, writing assessments. Listening includes dictation Reading includes translation into English Writing tasks: 1. vocabulary 2. sentences 3. paragraph 4. translation of parts of/whole sentences into French/German All based on Vif/Echt 2 Unit 1	In lesson time. Teacher to confirm date of assessment
English	End of year exam will take place at the end of next half term (May. Further information to follow in class.	
Art	No separate assessment in Art. Students are completing an extended Mona Lisa imaginative re-creation which we will be using as a key assessment point.	
Computer Science	None	
PE	None. Just usual in lesson assessment	
Music	None. Continuous assessment in music.	
Technology	Assessments occur at the end of every module. We should have completed all the assessments for the present rotation by Monday 28th April	
Dance and Drama	Assessments in class. No revision needed	

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