

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Summer Assessments

During the two-week exam period of 11th May to 22nd May 2026, Year 8 students will be taking part in their Summer Assessments. These assessments are designed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned throughout the year, while also introducing them, gradually and supportively, to a more formal examination experience.

At this stage, the process is intentionally low-stakes. Teachers will guide students through the expectations, help them understand how to organise their time, and encourage positive study habits. Our aim is not only to assess current understanding, but also to build confidence and familiarity with the kinds of routines students will encounter later in their school journey, particularly as they look ahead toward GCSEs. The results will help inform what sets your child may be in next year, particularly in the core subjects of maths, English and science, as GCSE content does start in Year 9.

We have created a two-week timetable for you to help your children prepare for their exams. Please feel free to print this off and highlight the exams your child will be taking. They do need to know what their set code is (for example 8xA1) for each subject. English, RE, geography and history will be the same set code, and there will be a different code for maths, science and MFL. Students will also be given a copy of the timetable in form and encouraged to highlight their exams. This will then be kept in their planner.

Students will not have timetabled assessments in dance, drama, music, DT or computer studies. These subjects are assessed on a rotation basis, or at the end of every lesson. In addition, for MFL, if your child is in set 8x5/De or 8yB4/Fr, they will not have an MFL exam, as they are following a slightly different curriculum.

We appreciate your support in helping students approach these assessments calmly and positively. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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Year 8 Summer Assessment Timetable

Week A 11th May – 15th May

Required equipment for **every** exam:

- 2 black pens
- Pencil and rubber
- Ruler
- Calculator

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Monday 11-May	8xA1 Science 8xB1 Science 8x2 Science 8x3 Science 8xB4 MFL 8x5 Science	8y1A RE 8y2 Science	8x2A History 8x2C Geography	8xB1 MFL 8xB4 Science 8yA1 Science 8yB1 Science 8yA4 Science	8y2A History 8y2B History
Tuesday 12-May	8xB4 MFL	8x2A Geography 8y1A History 8y1B Geography	8x1B Geography 8x3 Geography		8y1C RE 8y3 Science 8yB4 Science
Wednesday 13-May	8xB1 MFL 8x2 Maths 8x3 Maths 8xA4 Maths	8x1A RE		8x1A History 8x2B RE 8x3 RE	8xA4 MFL 8x3 MFL 8x5 Maths
Thursday 14-May		8yA1 Maths 8yB1 MFL 8y2 MFL 8y3 Maths	8x1C History 8yB1 Maths 8yB4 Maths 8y2 Maths	8xA1 Maths 8x3 MFL 8xA4 Science 8xB4 Maths 8y2C RE	8JTU Art
Friday 15-May	8x1B RE 8y2A Geography	8y1A Geography 8y1B History 8y1C History 8y2B Geography 8DBU Art 8BBR Art	8yB1 MFL	8x2B Geography 8x2C History 8y2 MFL	8xB1 Maths 8yA4 Maths

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Week B 18th May – 22nd May

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Monday 18-May		8x1C Geography 8YA1 MFL	8X2 MFL 8XA4 MFL 8XA1 MFL 8y1c English 8y2b English	8YA4 MFL	8x2c English 8y1B RE 8y2C History
Tuesday 19-May	8XA1 MFL		8Y3 MFL 8YA4 MFL	8X2 MFL 8y2B RE 8y2C English	8x1A Geography 8x1C RE 8x2B History
Wednesday 20-May	8x2C RE 8x3 History 8y2C Geography	8x1c English 8x2b English 8x3 English 8EEL Art 8ABA Art	8y1b English		8y1a English
Thursday 21-May	8x2A RE 8TEM Art 8MAR Art 8ERI Art		8YA1 MFL 8IMC Art	8x1a English 8x1b English 8x2a English 8Y3 MFL	
Friday 22-May	8GHO Art 8BAN Art		8x1B History 8y1C Geography 8y2A RE	8JCO Art	8y2a English