

## Year 8 Assessment Week Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On the 4<sup>th</sup> March we will be starting our second assessment week and want to take the opportunity to explain the procedures and notify you of the assessment timetable which will take place for your son/daughter in year 8.

As mentioned in the Year 8 Curriculum evening the assessment weeks have been introduced to strengthen student’s long-term memory and retention skills whilst being able to cope with multiple exams similar to those they will experience in the newly reformed, more challenging GCSE’s. This week is also designed to help students develop their revision skills and explore suitable methods which work best for them.

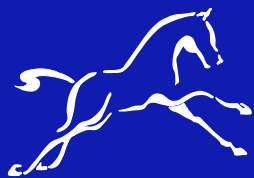
### Process:

- For years 7-10 there are assessment weeks calendared within the year: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> June.
- All teaching within lessons will be suspended. An exam timetable has been created for each year group (see below). **It is important that students speak to their CPA (Art, Drama and Technology) and Humanities teachers to find out specifically when their individual subject exams will be taking place.**
- When not in an assessment, students will be in their normal lessons and given independent revision time to prepare for their assessments. It is therefore important that students bring materials from which to revise from during these lessons.
- All assessments will be completed in classrooms.
- Exams are to be synoptic with content from throughout the year.
- Opportunities have been identified for students to have PE during the week as a physical release from exams and revision.
- Students will receive a Question Level Analysis (QLA) feedback (where appropriate) in the weeks following the assessments and will be expected to review and reflect on their outcomes, carrying out green pen improvements to learn from mistakes.

Please find assessment timetables for 8R, 8T and 8S bands below:

8T timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		MFL 1	Hums 2		
2	Maths 1			Maths 2	Hums 3
3		Hums 1		Tech	MFL 2
4			Science		
5	CPA 1	Computer Science	CPA 2	English	CPA 3





### 8R Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Science	Hums 2	Computer Science		Maths 2
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3		Tech	CPA 2	Hums 3	CPA 3
4	Maths 1			MFL 2	
5	Hums 1	CPA 1	MFL 1		English

### 8S timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Maths 1	CPA 1	Hums 2	CPA 2	
2					English
3		Hums 1			
4			Tech	Maths 2	
5	MFL 1	Computer Science	Hums 3	Science	MFL 2

Students will be reminded in more detail about the assessment week in their subjects and mentoring after half term and given guidance on key skills to improve their revision techniques to prepare for their assessments.

There will be some guides on the school website to aid students. In addition, some really useful websites for revision tips can be found on the BBC Bitesize website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/highlights/curations/zpbdxfr>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z4kw2hv>

We would like to thank you for your continued support and wish the students well with their preparation and for their assessments.

Yours Sincerely,

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