

19 May 2021

Dear Families,

Our Year 8 assessments in English, mathematics and science will take place from 14-16 June 2021. There will be two assessments in English and mathematics and one assessment in science.

These assessments will help to inform our understanding of students' progress in Key Stage 3 and will support students' transition into Year 9. They will be sat formally under exam conditions in an exam venue at school.

All students who are entitled to access arrangements (including extra time, readers and scribes) will receive this support for these assessments.

In the weeks preceding the assessments (and commencing 24 May 2021) students will only be set homework in the subjects being assessed, and all homework will be revision focused. Students will be taught revision strategies through their lessons and guided on the most effective methods in these subjects. A list of topics to revise for each exam is being shared with students and is included with this letter. After half term, lessons in these subjects will be revision focused.

If your child would benefit from having a quiet place to revise in school in the lead up to these assessments, then we can make study space available at the end of the school day after half term. Please contact us via your child's school base to request this.

Following the assessment period, we will report results to families through our Summer reports.

Finally, we know that the Covid-19 pandemic has created a challenging environment for our Year 8 students over the past two academic years. This assessment period will give us a meaningful indication of progress and will help to shape the support we offer to students moving forwards. Your child should not be at all worried about these assessments but if they do express significant concerns, please get in touch with their school base and we will take further steps to reassure and support them.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions relating to these assessments, please do not hesitate to get in touch via your child's school base email account.

Yours faithfully,



**Michael Worth**  
Assistant Headteacher

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## Year 8 End of Year Assessments: Revision topics

### English

**Paper 1:** Knowledge, skills and vocabulary from English Studies.

**Paper 2:** Identity Poetry: "Search from My Tongue", "Checking Out my History" and "The British". One of these poems will appear in the second paper.

Students will be receiving a revision booklet next week. This will detail all of the key knowledge they need to know and also give revision tasks that they can complete.

### Mathematics

*Please note that students have been emailed a detailed document with revision video links for each sub-section of the topics below. If your child does not have this for any reason, please contact your child's school base so it can be re-issued.*

- 7.1 .1 - Sequences
- 7.1.2 - Understand and use algebraic notation
- 7.1.3 - Equality and equivalence
- 7.2.1 - Place value & ordering integers & decimals
- 7.2.2 - Fraction, decimal & percentage equivalence
- 7.3.1 - Solving problems with addition & subtraction
- 7.3.2 - Solving problems with multiplication & division
- 7.3.3 - Fractions & percentages of amounts
- 7.4.1 - Operations & equations with directed number
- 7.4.2 - Addition & subtraction of fractions
- 7.5.1 - Constructing, measuring & using geometric notation
- 7.5.2 - Developing geometric reasoning
- 7.6.1 - Developing number sense
- 7.6.2 - Sets & probability
- 7.6.3 - Prime numbers & proof
- 8.1.1 - Ratio & scale
- 8.1.2 - Multiplicative change
- 8.1.3 - Multiplying & dividing fractions
- 8.2.1 - Working in the Cartesian plane
- 8.2.2 - Representing data
- 8.2.3 - Tables & probability
- 8.3.1 - Brackets, equations & inequalities
- 8.3.2 - Sequences
- 8.3.3 - Indices
- 8.4.1 - Fractions & percentages
- 8.4.2 - Standard index form



## Year 8 End of Year Assessments: Revision topics (cont'd)

### Science

The numbers next to the topic refer to the chapter in the activate books which are available on kerboodle.

#### Biology:

Cells B1.1

Ecosystem Processes B2.2

Adaptations and Inheritance B2.3

Health and Lifestyle B2.1

#### Chemistry:

Separation Techniques C2.2

The Periodic Table C2.1

Elements, Atoms and Compounds C1.2

Metals and Acids C2.3

#### Physics:

Forces P1.1

Energy P2.2

Motion and Pressure P2.3

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