



Dear Parent / Carer,

30th January 2018

Year 8 Exam Week 12 / 02 / 18

Year 8 students will have formal exams in the week commencing the 13/02/18. These exams will help inform us of the progress students are making alongside the normal assessments and tests undertaken throughout the year but will also help prepare students for the demands of the real exams that they will sit in the summer of Year 11. The GCSE exam system is now designed that everything is tested in a linear fashion i.e all assessment is completed at the end of Year 11. Students need to be fully prepared to cope with the demands of this system. Doing formal exams in Years 7-10 will help:

- Students to understand the demands of revising a lot of subject content
- Enable students to develop their revision skills
- Allow students to experience doing formal exams in the exam hall
- Give students the experience of undertaking several exams in a short period of time
- Enable students to improve their exam skills including timing and maximising how to gain marks on exam questions

Subject	Content to revise	Exam Details	Revision resources
English	The Tempest: characters, plot and themes. You should be aware about how Shakespeare presents each character.	1 hour Main exam halls One reading question and one writing question	Exercise books The Tempest booklet Yr 8 revision sheet
Maths	Sets 1-3 Prime numbers, HCF and LCM, Standard Index Form, BIDMAS including calculating indices, relative frequency, experimental probability, simplifying algebraic expressions, substitution, fractions, decimals and percentages, Sets 4&5 = numbers, factors and primes, squares & cubes, sequences, fractions, decimals and percentages, BIDMAS, Polygons and Constructions, Nets & shape properties,	1 hour Main exam halls Mixture of single and multi-mark questions	Exercise Books MyMaths Revision Sheet

	algebraic manipulation & substitution, ratio and proportion, area and perimeter, angle facts and calculations		
Art	Practice drawing from a primary source	1 hour observational drawing test in class	"Speed drawing" tutorials on YouTube. www.studentartguide.com
Computer Science	Data representation Computer software Computer hardware Logic gates	45 minutes In class long and short answer questions	www.BBC.co.uk bitesize Y8 Revision sheet
Geography	Weather Africa Extreme environments	1 hour exam in class, short and long answer questions	Exercise books Revision resources made in lessons
History	Tudors: Henry VIII and his rule Elizabeth I and Mary I – religious and political problems Stuarts: James I and the Divine Right of Kings Charles I's personal rule The English Civil War Oliver Cromwell and the Protectorate	1 hour In class There will be a combination of short subject knowledge questions and long-answer questions	Exercise book notes Model answers provided to students Y8 Revision sheet
Religious Education	Hinduism, Big Ethical Questions	1 hour In class Questions ranging from multiple choice to mini essay	Class books, assessment books/feedforward, BBC Religions Y8 Revision sheet
Science	Health & Lifestyle, Periodic Table Electricity & Magnetism	1 hour Main exam halls Multiple choice questions up to 6 mark explanation questions and data interpretation questions	Class books Revision guides Kerboodle resources

Please note that some subjects may need to complete their exams in class in the week after the half term break as they may be affected by the INSET day on the 12/02/18 or when the English, Maths and Science exams have been scheduled.(Please see other letter)

Yours faithfully

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