



Ark Isaac Newton Academy

Date: 27/02/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Interim Assessments, week beginning Monday 6th March 2023

Year 8 will complete their interim assessments between Monday 6th of March and Tuesday 21st of March. Students have been informed of the content to be covered in the interim assessments, and the timetable is attached below.

These interim assessments will prepare your child for their end of year exams which are expected to take place in May and June 2023, as well as for public exams taken at the end of Year 11 and Year 13. This period should be taken seriously as it will give you, your child, and their teachers a clear indication of where they are on their path to academic success in their subject. Importantly, it will also help with identifying areas of strength and areas of improvement to target student revision and teacher intervention.

Computer based assessments and Chromebooks

A growing number of our assessments comprise multiple choice questions (MCQ) and are completed online, allowing rapid and forensic identification of strengths and areas of improvement. Please remind your child to bring in their fully charged Chromebook everyday of these weeks. Students should speak to their form tutor as soon as possible to resolve any problems with their school login.

We will be running an additional Chromebook day as a check to ensure all students have a device that is working. Students should bring their Chromebooks in on **Wednesday 1st March** to be checked by their tutors.

Key points about Chromebook days:

- Students will only be allowed to bring in the Chromebook we have issued them.
- Chromebooks should be fully charged before students arrive to school.

Key reminders

- As normal, **students should be in school no later than 8.25am** every day.
- Students should be in school for the full day every day. **Attendance and punctuality during this period remain vital.** Please do not make any appointments for your child during this time.
- Students must ensure they have full equipment for their assessments, including their Chromebook.



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You can help your child by making sure your child has the full equipment they need for their assessments. They will require:

- At least TWO Black Pens
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler and Protractor
- Scientific Calculator
- A **clear** pencil case
- A water bottle (this must be clear with no labels and contain only water)

Our internal assessment regulations are very clear and detailed. Not following them can lead to disqualification. To avoid this, students must:

- Begin assessment only when instructed to do so.
- Switch off mobile devices and put away watches before each assessment.
- Follow the instructions given by staff inside and outside the exam hall or in classroom.
- Not to communicate or distract other students during the assessment.

Please take time to discuss this with your child.

Assessment periods can be a very demanding time for students. We are working hard to prepare them as thoroughly as possible. If you are concerned about your child and wish to seek advice or support, please contact the academy.

Finally, we want to thank you for your support and help in preparing your child for their interim assessments. I am sure you will join us in wishing them good luck at this time. We look forward to seeing their well-deserved results.

Yours sincerely,

Sabah Ghani
Assistant Principal

Year 8				
Day	Date	Period	Time	Subject
Monday	06.03.23	4	12:50 to 1:50	Year 8 History
Tuesday	07.03.23	4	12:50 to 1:50	Year 8 Geography
Wednesday	08.03.23	2	10:15 to 11:15	Year 8 RE
Tuesday	14.03.23	2 and 3	10:15 to 12:15	Year 8 English (Chromebooks)
Tuesday	14.03.23	4 and 5	12:50 to 2:50	Year 8 Science (Chromebooks)
Friday	17.03.23	2 and 3	10:15 to 12:15	Year 8 Maths (Chromebooks)
Friday	17.03.23	6	2:50 to 3:50	Year 8 Spanish