

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**RE: Year 8 Interim Assessments from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 will complete their interim assessments between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Students have been informed by their subject teachers of the dates, times and content to be covered in the interim assessments. Please see below for an overview of the schedule for the assessments.

These interim assessments will prepare your child for their end of year exams which are expected to take place in May and June 2022, 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.

The main points of information are:

- As normal, **students should be in school no later than 8.25am** every day. Period 1 assessments in the KS3 Hall will start straight from line-up.
- 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 will sit most of their assessments during normal lesson time for the subject and should arrive promptly to school and their timetabled lessons.
- Where students have an assessment in the KS3 Hall, they must return directly to lessons after the assessment.
- Students must ensure they have full equipment for their assessments.

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 papers only when instructed to do so.
- Switch off and hand in all devices, including mobile phones and watches, before each assessment.
- Follow the instructions given by staff inside and outside the exam hall or in classroom.

- Not communicate or distract other students during the assessment.
- Stay in the exam hall under exam regulations for the duration of each assessment (unless otherwise instructed).

**Please take time to discuss this with your child. We recommend students do not bring in their mobile phones or smart watches on days when they have an assessment.**

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 and peace at this time. We look forward to seeing their well-deserved results.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. McEvoy', written in a cursive style.

Ms E McEvoy  
**Assistant Principal**

YEAR 8

Unless otherwise stated, all assessments take place during normal lesson time for the subject.

Subject	Assessment date	Any other information
<u>Core</u>		
English	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November period 5 in KS3 Hall	Dystopian writing 60 minutes
Maths	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November periods 5 & 6 in KS3 Hall	120 minutes
Science	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November period 3 in KS3 Hall	50 minutes
<u>Creative and Enterprise</u>		
Art	Between 8 <sup>th</sup> November and 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Final practical pieces 3 lessons
Art	Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> November B Wednesday P1 R Tuesday P6 I Thursday P3 D Monday P4 G Monday P2 E Thursday P5	Art theory exam 30 minutes
Big Band	Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> November B Tuesday P6 R Thursday P3 I Wednesday P1 D Monday P3 G Thursday P5 E Friday P2	Performance assessment 2-4 minute performance per student
Computing	Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> November (based on maths group) 8X/ALK Monday P5 8X/BER Wednesday P3 8X/CUR Wednesday P4 8X/LOV Tuesday P2 8Y/EUC tbc 8Y/FIB Tuesday P1 8Y/RAM Tuesday P1	Algorithms 45 minutes
Drama	Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> November B Tuesday P3 R Tuesday P3 I Tuesday P6 D Monday P2 G Monday P3 E Monday P2	Drama practical exam 50 minutes
Drama	Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> November B Tuesday P3 R Tuesday P3 I Tuesday P6 D Monday P2 G Monday P3 E Monday P2	Drama theory assessment 30 minutes
PE	8X: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 8Y: Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	30 minutes On computer

<u>Humanities</u>		
History	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> November P3 (8Elizabeth) and P4 (8Tubman) Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November P5 (8 Irwin) Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November P4 8(Francis) Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November P3 (8Magdalane)	World War 1 60 minutes
RS	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November P2 (8 Elizabeth) Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November P2 (8Irwin) Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November P3 (8 Magdalane, 8 Tubman) Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November P4 (8 Francis)	Hinduism 30 minutes
<u>Languages</u>		
French & Spanish	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	