

7 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

The week commencing 13 October, we have the first Year 8 assessment week, during which all year 8 students will have the opportunity to show what they have been learning as well as receiving feedback on areas they need to improve.

Following these assessments, you will receive the first report to show you what progress your child is making and how good their attitude towards learning is this year.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to revise for these assessments and also to arrive at school fully equipped. Revision resources, including revision lists and further details are available on Google Classroom or ClassCharts.

To help you understand what the assessments are about, here are some further details:

English: Pupils will be demonstrating their reading ability through an online reading test, quizzing them on vocabulary acquisition and comprehension.

Maths: The first year 8 assessment will have a focus on fractions; calculating and ordering, ratio and transforming shapes.

Science: The assessment will focus on three topics that were taught at the end of Year 7. These are ecosystems and genes, matter and reactions. They will also be assessed on skills from the enquiry topic that they have completed at the beginning of this term and continue to use each lesson.

Geography: Year 8 geographers have been learning about Natural hazards and will be tested on the skills and knowledge covered so far. We will have a revision lesson with notes to take home to go over before they sit their test.

History: Extended writing skills will be the main focus of the assessment- pupils need to evaluate the pros and cons of life in the 1920s in America and explain how different social/racial groups had different experiences. There will also be some shorter knowledge recall questions.

French/German: Year 8s will be assessed on how well they can communicate about what they did over the summer holidays, primarily assessing their use of the past tense. Students will also need to understand when French and German people are asking about the time.

REP: Students will be assessed on Sikhism: exploring the origins of Sikhism and the role of the Granthi in the Gurdwara (the person responsible for the sacred texts in the place of worship).

DT: Pupils will be tested on their knowledge of materials and processes that they have used over the course so far. This could be the tilting mirror, door sign or light up plushie project.

Food: Pupils need to express their knowledge of nutrients, science of bread making & health, hygiene & safety.

Music: Pupils will be assessed on their bass riff playing.

Drama: Students will be assessed on their devising and performing skills over a number of lessons based on their work creating naturalistic characters using Stanislavski's system.

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Art: Year 8 Art will be drawing cylinders to create a cupcake design and replicating an artwork by the artist Wayne Thiebaud. We wish the best of luck to all the Year 8s. If there are any questions about these assessments, students should talk to their class teacher for further information.

PE: This assessment is on the two activities they have started in the Autumn term. Pupils will be on a rotation of Rugby, Handball, Netball, Gymnastics, Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball and Healthy and Active Lifestyles in the Fitness Suite.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Goodship', with a small dot above the first letter.

Mrs Goodship
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