

4 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The week commencing 10 June, we have the final 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 third report to show you what progress your child is making and how good their attitude towards learning is.

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.

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

English: Year 8 will be sitting a STAR reading test that will examine their comprehension and their vocabulary acquisition so far this year.

Maths: Students will sit two papers which will cover content taught this year.

Science: The assessment will focus on the topics which the pupils have been taught this academic year, as well as those covered in Year 7. There will be two separate papers to complete.

Geography: Will be looking at global issues and thinking like decision makers, using all of the skills learned over two years of geography.

History: Students will be making sure they can argue for and against the dropping of the atomic bomb and give a well explained judgement of their own opinion!

REP: Year 8 have been looking at 'Faith in action' by studying the lives of Inspirational People such as Gandhi and Martin Luther King Junior. Their assessment will consist of 5 questions (some short and one long) about this interesting topic including the controversial issue of what should be done about the statues of famous people who are not so favoured in a contemporary social context (e.g. Edward Colston and Robert Baden-Powell).

ICT: Year 8 have been using a variety of digital media to promote a worthy cause, as well as being asked to source evidence to support their cause and to ensure they have legal permission to use any additional images to support their work. Their assessment will cover some of the keywords and theory covered in this unit.

Music: Students have been learning to play parts from the song 'Stand' By Me' (Ben E. King) and will be taking a listening test based on this song.

Drama: Year 8 have been creating original devised drama pieces based on a range of stimuli. They are being marked on their devising and performing skills.

Art: Students will be assessed on drawing accurate portrait elements and developing a range of mask designs inspired by different cultures.

We wish the best of luck to all the Year 8 students. If there are any questions about these assessments, students should talk to their class teacher for further information.

Yours sincerely



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