



20th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 and 8 'End of Year' Examinations

I write to advise you of the programme of end of year assessments for Year 7 and 8 which will take place later this term.

All Year 7 and 8 students will complete examinations in *most* of their subjects during the weeks either side of the next half term break, so commencing Monday 18th May and completed by Friday 5th June.

Students will follow their usual timetable during this fortnight and will complete their end of year examinations in specified lessons during this time period. Staff have been asked to ensure all students know the topics that their examination will cover and when their specific exams will be *by Friday 1st May* at the latest. This will be communicated to students in their lessons and added to Arbor as a home learning assignment and as an event in their calendar. Students are also required to record the dates and lessons on a notes page on their iPad. Please note that each student will have their own unique timetable of exams based on the groups and sets they are in.

The results will be used, along with other on-going assessment, to report on current progress towards MEAs in the final progress report that will go home in the summer term.

Another objective of these examinations is to give students some experience of more formal examinations. This should make them more familiar with what to expect when they take external examinations in the years ahead. Hopefully the experience will make them less anxious and more likely to perform to their potential.

Students are advised to prepare a revision timetable and keep to it, considering that short, concentrated periods of revision are usually best. An assembly has been recently delivered, suggesting some techniques for managing this. A range of resources to support with revision can be found in the [Key Stage 3 Support](#) area of the website.

Should you have any questions relating to the examination fortnight please, in the first instance, direct these to your child's personal tutor. If you have questions regarding a specific subject's examination, please contact your child's subject teacher.

Yours faithfully

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