



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with an update on the upcoming year 8 assessment week.

Usually, when a child starts year 8, subject areas will use the information from the end of year 7 exams to help decide which group or set a student should be in. Clearly, due to Covid, students did not sit their end of year exams. The school does have the work completed during lockdown, and the students are to be praised for their engagement with this. However, we are fully aware that not every student was able to access or complete all of their lockdown work. So, in order that we can ascertain a more accurate understanding of their academic position, each child in year 8 will be sitting subject based assessments in the final week before half term.

All the preparation needed for the assessment week will be set via Show My HomeWork and resourced via MS TEAMS. In order to allow you to support your child with preparation, below is an outline of the topics being assessed:

	<b>Year 8 Assessment Content</b>
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Imaginary Creatures
<b>Computing</b>	Ongoing class assessment Binary/Cybersecurity
<b>Design Tech Food</b>	Textiles, RM or Food project – your child will be told specifics in class
<b>Design Tech Textiles</b>	Textiles, RM or Food project – your child will be told specifics in class
<b>Design Tech RM</b>	Textiles, RM or Food project – your child will be told specifics in class
<b>Drama</b>	Mask Work
<b>English</b>	Mystery
<b>Geography</b>	Urbanisation
<b>History</b>	The reputation of Henry VIII
<b>Mathematics</b>	Assessment has taken place and covered Shape and Representing Data
<b>MFL French</b>	Holidays and introductions
<b>Music</b>	Groups 2, 6 and 8 – Blues Music Groups 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 – Djembe drumming
<b>PE</b>	X & Y 1 - rugby X & Y 2 - badminton X & Y 3 - netball X 4 - gymnastics
<b>Religious Studies</b>	Hinduism
<b>Science</b>	Healthy lifestyle, motion & pressure

The tests will take place in the fortnight beginning 4<sup>th</sup> October. They will take place in lessons. Students should arrive to school with the normal equipment needed. Individual subject teachers will inform each class of when their specific assessment time/date is.

If you have any questions around the assessment week, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I wish your child all the very best of luck with this assessment week.

Yours sincerely,

P Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher)



## FAQ's

### **Q) Can/should my child prepare for the assessments?**

- A) They should follow the advice/guidance/instructions from their teachers. Use the resources and tasks they have set. They should do as much preparation as the teachers advise them to do

### **Q) What if my child does badly?**

- A) Assessments aren't about doing 'badly'. They tell your child, you and the school the strengths and areas for development. They inform us as to next steps advice.

### **Q) What happens with the results?**

- A) Schools use the information to help us plan better lessons. The outcome of the assessments will also be reported home in the monitoring cycle.

### **Q) My child can't access SMHW or TEAMS, what should they do?**

- a) Ask their tutor for help!! As a matter of urgency.