

November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **YEAR 8: Mid-year tests, and Progress Reporting, Spring Term 2021**

We have been very impressed with how well Year 8 have settled into the new school year and thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your child has a face mask. We are writing today to let you know about plans for mid-year tests. For students in Year 8, these are scheduled to take place next term as follows:

11-15 January	Test preparation week
18-22 January	Year 8 test week

Students will be taking separate tests in each subject. Papers have been rigorously designed and are cumulative in content coverage - this means they will cover everything students have learned since the beginning of Year 7. Students will take similar end of year tests in June.

We have arranged for students to have a **test preparation week** during which lessons and homework will be devoted to revision activities relevant to the test. Other than lessons and the usual homework, there is no expectation that students should devote additional time to revising. In particular, we neither expect nor recommend that students should be revising over the Christmas holidays.

Results from the tests will be reported to parents on 12 February; this will take the form of a test percentage, together with the median score for the Year group. Alongside the usual 'Attitude to Learning' statement, this will help us to monitor the progress students are making. These outcomes can be further discussed with individual teachers at the **Year 8 Parental Consultation** event, scheduled to take place on 10 March.

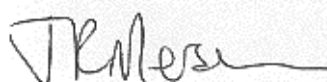
We will be in touch again in December with a personalised timetable for the tests and, in the meantime, students should find their Knowledge Organisers increasingly useful as they plan for the mid-year tests.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information about this.

Yours sincerely



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