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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 8 Mid-Year Assessments: January 2022**

We are writing with further details of arrangements for the Year 8 Mid-Year Assessments.

Week beginning Monday 10 January 2022	Test preparation week
w/b Monday 17 January 2022	Mid-year Test week

All Year 8 students across the Academy will take a **Mid-Year test** in each subject, during the week beginning Monday 17 January 2022. We attach a personalised timetable of when your child will be sitting each test during this week. For the majority of students, Tests will take place during normal lessons in the usual classrooms. For students with SEND, tests have been carefully designed and scheduled to facilitate exam access arrangements, as appropriate.

The week prior to this will focus on **test preparation**. During these lessons, students will be revising key content. Homework tasks at this time will be to revise for the following week's test. Please be assured that there is no expectation that any revision should be done during the Christmas Holiday.

As with last year's Mid-Year and End of Year tests, these tests are directly linked to the curriculum that has been taught in each subject. Tests are carefully designed to allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Amongst other benefits, the process provides useful preparation for the future challenge of GCSE examinations to come.

Please see the attached **Subject Information** which provides further advice regarding revision and test content in each subject. Students in Year 8 can expect the tests to cover knowledge and skills gained during Year 7 as well as the Autumn Term of Year 8.

The second Progress Report of the academic year, due to be sent home on 11 February, will report the results from these tests, together with an attitude to learning statement. Following this, the Year 8 Parent Consultations event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9 March, where you can discuss progress and learning with teachers in each subject.

Similar, End of Year tests are scheduled to take place during June 2022. If you have any queries about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant teacher via [enquiries@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:enquiries@astrea-longsands.org).

Yours sincerely



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