

Dear Parents

Re: Year 8 Exams 2020

The table below shows which examinations are taking place and the dates on which they will be held. Assessment in other subjects will take place in the classroom.

Date	Period	Exam
21/04/2020	P1	Maths 1
21/04/2020	P3	Science (Bi)
22/04/2020	P1	English
22/04/2020	P3	RE
23/04/2020	P1	Science (Ch)
23/04/2020	P3	History
24/04/2020	P1	Maths 2
24/04/2020	P3	Geography
27/04/2020	P1	Science (Ph)
27/04/2020	P3	French

The upcoming term provides year 8 students with time to revise for their examinations. The school would ask parents to encourage their son / daughter to organise a revision timetable for the February half term break (see leaflet enclosed).

The year 8 examinations are organised to:

- Give an indication of likely performance in the actual examination.
- Act as student motivator.
- Test effectiveness of revision allowing students to organise and review their work.
- Monitor progress.
- Give experience of answering examination style questions under examination conditions.
- Allow students to learn from their mistakes without fear of failure.
- Show strengths and weaknesses in knowledge thereby providing guidance for future work and revision, to enhance their readiness for the 'real' exams to follow.

With this letter is a guide for parents. There is some generic information which will help your child prepare not only for these exams but will build essential skills to successfully approach and succeed in any further examination. Please read through this booklet with your son/ daughter, it is important they find a revision style which suits them, revision slots with short breaks and regular recaps is well known as the most effective form of revision.

Thank you in anticipation of your support at this time, we look forward to feeding back to you, over the coming months, some fantastic news of your sons/ daughters academic achievements. If you have any questions whatsoever about this most important upcoming time feel free to contact myself or your son / daughter's relevant subject teachers.

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