

24th March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Year 8 Subject and Reading Assessments

I hope this letter finds you well. Your child will be sitting end of year assessments during the summer term. Recent Government reforms have seen examination content become more challenging and demanding; we must prepare students to be able to retain knowledge and skills over time and to ensure it is embedded in their long-term memory.

End of year subject assessments will take place week beginning **17th April until 28th April 2023**. Students will be exposed to retrieval lessons prior to the assessments where revision materials will be made available via Google Classroom or as worksheets. Assessments will be conducted during lessons, under exam conditions and will last approximately 50 minutes. Please see the reverse table to understand what topics and content will be covered in each department assessment.

Additionally, students will sit their second reading test as part of our moral mission to raise chronological reading age of all our students. The reading test will last approximately 30 minutes and will be completed online. Information will be shared with parents / carers on end of year assessment results and reading age results in Summer 2.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Phelan
Assistant Principal
KS3 Achievement

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| English | A Shakespeare knowledge recall task A Shakespeare short reading task based on: The Tempest using PEAL A Vocabulary Vault recall task A short reading task on Small Island (selecting information) A descriptive/narrative writing task |
| Maths | 2 assessments (one calculator and one non-calculator) on percentages, angle rules, sequences, 2d shapes, data tables, algebra next steps, 3D shapes, ratio |
| Science | Electromagnets – symbols and circuits. Matter – mixtures and separation techniques. Solid Liquids and gases. Ecology 1 – food chains and webs. Rock types and Earth structure. Breathing and Digestive system. Waves 1 – light rays. Matter – atoms and compounds. Periodic table. |
| Geography | Economy, Development, Hazards and Biomes |
| History | Tudor period, English Reformation, Stuart period and English Civil War |
| French | Listening on films and mobile phones. Reading on food shopping and my town. Translation section into French and English. |

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