

6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**YEAR 8 EXAMINATIONS**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

First of all, the team at RVHS wishes you a Happy New Year. I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming internal examinations to be taken by all Year 8 students during the dates above.

These are, as I am sure you are aware, very important examinations for the school and the students. It is essential, therefore, that students prepare thoroughly and do the very best they can. The purpose of these examination series is to ensure that teachers have an accurate understanding of the progress of your child & can therefore provide worthwhile feedback to help them make improvements. It's also an opportunity for students to practice their revision, study & memory techniques that will support them during their 7-year journey at RVHS.

Before embarking on this exam series, all students will be participating in a revision & memory workshop next week & will be practicing these techniques with their academic mentors during their period 1 provision. We will also be launching the Year 8 Revision & Study microsite with all students. This microsite contains revision support, templates & subject specific pages containing resources that will help your child to revise successfully. To access the site, [click here](#). It is also on our Revision resources page on our website.

The results of these exams will also provide useful indicators as to the current performance of Year 8 students as well as providing students with experience of examinations which will be of value to them later in their school careers.

Students should arrive promptly to school having looked closely at the examination timetable beforehand. The location, duration and start time of each examination is indicated on the timetable. Students have also been given their own personal timetables. Students will return to their timetabled lessons when not in an examination.

These examinations will provide students with the opportunity to experience and learn about how to conduct themselves in an examination environment, as the exams will replicate real exam conditions. Getting used to exam conditions is an essential part of reducing the stress of future public exams.

Expectations regarding behaviour and conduct will be stringent:

- silence must be maintained from the time of lining up to entering the examination room, throughout the examination and until after leaving the examination room
- students must not communicate with other students in any way
- **mobile phones must be switched off and left in bags**
- students must come with the correct equipment – **black pens**, pencils, ruler, eraser and calculator

Lastly, please be reminded that we are holding a Year 8 Transition Information Evening on **Wednesday 11th January at 5-6pm**. Please [click here](#) to see the recent letters section on our website.

If you have any questions regarding the above examinations, please do not hesitate to contact any of the team using the contact details below.

Yours faithfully



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