

11th January, 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you of the changes to the Year 7 and Year 8 Exam week.

These changes were brought about by the need to make the Sports Hall available to PE, so that they can deliver their curriculum, even during this cold spell.

Making these changes does indeed mean that students will now be divided into 2 separate weeks based on their year group - Year 7 will be the WB 15th January (first exam on 16th January) and Year 8 the WB 22nd January. Moving Year 8 back a week will mean that students will also now have more time to utilise the revision techniques that have been shared in our revision workshops!

The new arrangements are:

Year 7

	Period 2 9:00 - 10:00	Period 3 10:00 - 11:00	Period 4 11:20 - 12:20
Tuesday 16 January	Geography (50 mins) Sports Hall	Maths (50 mins) Sports Hall	Science (50 mins) Sports Hall
Wednesday 17 January	History (50 mins) Sports Hall	English (50 mins) Sports Hall	French/Spanish (50 mins) Sports Hall

Year 8

	Period 2 9:00 - 10:00	Period 3 10:00 - 11:00	Period 4 11:20 - 12:20
Monday 22 January	Science (50 mins) Sports Hall	History (50 mins) Sports Hall	English (50 mins) Sports Hall
Wednesday 24 January	Maths (50 mins) Sports Hall	Geography (50 mins) Sports Hall	French/Spanish (50 mins) Sports Hall



Students will be in normal lessons if they are not in exams and need to bring all their normal books and equipment into school.

All assessments are rigorous in nature and reflect the skills needed at this stage to be successful at GCSE, with a strong focus on recall, reading and problem solving.

We ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter takes these exams seriously and prepares thoroughly through organised revision. You can find our revision techniques and any other useful information on our microsite linked below:

[Y7 Revision Microsite](#)

[Y8 Revision Microsite](#)

Subject teachers will be providing students with material to assist in their revision. If your child is unsure about the content of the assessment, they need to speak to their subject teacher directly. On Google Classroom, teachers have signposted revision materials - most of which can be found on the microsite.

Your son/daughter will register on the **playground** each morning and then be guided to the Sports Hall by their Academic Mentors & Year Progress Leader.

They will be able to find their exam seat by accessing Edulink and clicking on the 'exams' tab. They will be reminded about this each morning.

Their exams will take place during lesson 2, 3 and 4. Students will be in normal lessons for the remainder of the day. They therefore need to make sure that they bring the correct books and equipment for those lessons.

If you have any subject specific questions, please speak to the teacher or the Subject Leader directly.

Yours faithfully

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