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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 8 End of Year Assessments 2026

It is hard to believe that our Year 8 pupils are nearing the end of their educational journey with us already. It only seems five minutes ago that they were arriving for their Year 5/6 transition day. They have all developed in so many ways, and they are now ready to move to high school and begin a new chapter in their life journey. Transition days are in June. Those who need extra support will have an extra transition visit. A letter will be sent with these dates closer to June.

As part of this change, we need to complete their assessment journey with GL tests and subject specific transition tests. This period of assessment is important as our high schools use the data to help inform their educational needs and groups going into Year 9. It is sensible to prepare young people for this by ensuring that they are working steadily towards this daily through their home learning tasks which will include revision tasks. They should be eating sensibly, drinking water, exercising regularly, and enjoying activities that give them joy, a sense of creativity, and calm. Screen time should be reduced, and family discussions increased. Revision activities revolve around knowing more, remembering more, and doing more. Listed below are valuable revision strategies, practices, and tips for Year 8.

Summary Notes:

Make concise summary notes on the topics you are revising, highlighting important points.

Mind Maps:

Organise information visually using mind maps to help with memorisation and recall.

Teaching Others:

Explain the concepts you have learned to a friend or family member. This helps solidify your understanding.

Practice Questions:

Work through past papers and practice questions to familiarise yourself with exam formats and question types.

Revision Circuits:

Create different revision stations with various resources and activities to keep things engaged.

Effective Learning Practices:

- **Study in Short, Frequent Sessions:** Break down revision into manageable chunks and take regular breaks to maintain focus.
- **Alternate Subjects:** Vary the topics you revise during a session to prevent mental fatigue.
- **Self-Testing:** Regularly test yourself on the material to identify areas where you need to focus more attention.
- **Reward Yourself:** Give yourself small rewards for completing revision sessions to stay motivated.
- **Active Recall:** Try to recall information from memory instead of just rereading notes.
- **Cornell Note-Taking:** Use the Cornell note-taking system to structure your notes and aid recall.

Additional Tips:

- **Find a Quiet Study Area:** Establish a designated study area free from distractions.
- **Use a Variety of Resources:** Supplement your revision with textbooks, revision guides, online resources, and educational videos.
- **Take Breaks:** Ensure you have adequate breaks during revision sessions to prevent burnout.
- **Get Enough Sleep:** Prioritise sleep to optimise cognitive function and memory consolidation.
- **Stay Positive:** Maintain a positive attitude throughout the revision process to stay motivated and reduce stress.

The dates for core subjects are below to help you and your child prepare effectively with subject specific resources. If your child has extra time and/or access arrangements for tests, these will be provided. Foundation subjects will also have assessments running through May until the end of June. Revision for these will be by using home learning tasks and

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>.

English:

TEST	DATES	REVISION	REVISION LINKS
GL Tests 8	20 th & 21 st May	Home learning tasks and links	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfdh8xs https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zn8tkmn https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv7fqp3 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39
End of year & transition test	4 th June	Home learning tasks and links	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfdh8xs https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zn8tkmn https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv7fqp3 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39

Mathematics:

TEST	DATES	REVISION	REVISION LINKS
GL Tests 8	15 th , 18 th & 19 th May	Home learning tasks and links	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zs2sf82
End of year & transition test	8 th June	Home learning tasks and links	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zs2sf82

Science:

TEST	DATES	REVISION	REVISION LINKS
GL Tests 8/End of year test	18 th & 19 th May	Home learning tasks and links	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p

Catch up dates will be in the week beginning the 1st June. It is much better for pupils to be present for class tests than using the catch-up session.

Thank you for your on-going support as parents and carers.

Kindest regards,



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