

25th April 2023

Year 8 Cycle 3 Assessments

Dear Families,

Your child will complete Cycle 3 written assessments beginning Tuesday 20 June until Tuesday 27 June. As I am sure you will appreciate, the examinations are extremely important, as they will show your child, yourselves and the academy, their progress and attainment. During this time, your child will also gain knowledge and understanding of this process in preparation for future external examinations. Please see below for your child's assessment dates and times:

Date	Assessment
Tuesday 20 June	Maths- Paper 1
Thursday 22 June	Maths- Paper 2
Friday 23 June	Geography
Monday 26 June	Science
Monday 26 June	English-Reading
Monday 26 June	History
Tuesday 27 June	Spanish- Listening, Reading, and Writing
Tuesday 27 June	English-Writing

All the exams outlined above will be sat under formal conditions. When your child does not have an exam, they will attend their normal timetabled lessons. Attendance and punctuality are key in ensuring a successful exam series for your child. Students will also be sitting exams in other subjects during this period, but some will take place in classrooms. Exam results for all subjects will be shared with you following our usual reporting process.

Attendance over the assessment period will be vital for the success of your child. We expect your child to be present on 100% of the assessment days.

Your child should work independently at home. Revising and managing a workload are key skills that your child will need to succeed at university, thrive in a top job or a real alternative and lead a happy and successful life. Key activities that your child should be doing when revising are:

- Self-quizzing – regularly testing against specific topics using flash cards with a question/prompt and answer.
- Completing past paper questions
- Chunking revision – spending a maximum of 45 minutes on any topic

Below is a list of ways that you can help your child during the run up and during the exam season:

- Help them organise a quiet area in which to revise.
- Test them on key facts or figures.
- Ask them to teach you different topics so that you can check their understanding.
- Ensure they are well rested the day before the exam and have plenty of sleep.
- Ensure they have a good breakfast on the morning of the assessment.
- Ensure they have all the equipment needed for school.
- Ask them how their exams went, take an interest, and help keep them calm.



If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or myself directly. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Miller
Vice Principal

