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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 8 Summer Assessments

As part of our ongoing programme of assessment, your child will be sitting internally set end of year assessments in a number of subjects.

The assessment period commences on Monday 17 June and will last for approximately 2 weeks. A copy of your child's assessment timetable will be handed out to the students during tutor time this week and is included at the end of this letter. The majority of the assessments will take place in the first week, with all students sitting a particular subject's assessment at the same time, this will be instead of their usual lesson that period. The exceptions to this are Computer Science and Music exams. These will take place in computer science or music lessons during the main first assessment week or the week after, their teachers will advise pupils directly of when these will be. When students do not have an assessment, they will have normal lessons as per their usual timetable.

These assessments enable students to consolidate the skills and content that they have covered this year and to demonstrate their progress. They are also hugely beneficial in getting all our students used to the formalities, rules and processes of the external examinations that they will have to sit when they reach Year 11.

It is vital that the students prepare fully for these assessments in order to provide us with as accurate information as possible with regards to their progress, in order to support teachers in being able to identify students who may benefit from additional intervention; those that require extra challenge; and it can also be used to inform class setting where appropriate. Next year in Year 9 students will also be selecting their GCSE Options for Year 10 & 11, so these assessments can be the start of helping them with these decisions.

Teachers will be sharing with students what content and skills they will need to be revising and will be providing them with revision materials to support their preparation. Where appropriate these will be available for reference on the school website in the [KS3 Revision HUB](#), this is also where parents can find advice on revision well-bring, techniques along with other support strategies to help your child.



Students will be informed around the expectations surrounding these assessments and we would be grateful if you check that your child knows when and where their assessments are taking place.

Top Tips for students to revise effectively:

Know which subject exams they have on which dates.
Plan a revision timetable – but don't overload, focus on no more than 2 subjects on a school night and 4 / 5 subjects over the weekend.
Plan for breaks whilst revising – aim to have a 5-to-10-minute break for each hour of revision.
Try to avoid any distractions where possible - Find a good space, and turn technology off (unless specifically used for revision such as Sparx Maths).
Refer to revision advice provided by their subject teachers and on the Hart Website here .
Create revision cards and test yourself or as a parent/carer to test you.
Create Mind Maps, list key words and their definitions.
Remember to not focus on what you can do, but review topics you are the least confident with.
Any finally remember do not panic, just try your best, we ask nothing more.

If you have any questions regarding these end of year assessments, please do not hesitate to contact either the Head of Year marisa.hibberd@hartschool.org.uk or subject teachers if it relates to a particular subject.

Yours sincerely

Simon Curzon
Assistant Principal – Data and Assessment



Year 8 Assessment Week Schedule

	Monday 17th Jun	Tuesday 18th Jun	Wednesday 19th Jun	Thursday 20th Jun	Friday 21st Jun
P1	Science	Drama	Science	Maths	History
P2	Normal Lessons*	Normal Lessons*	Normal Lessons*	Normal Lessons*	Normal Lessons*
P3	PE	DT	Normal Lessons*	Spanish	Art
P4	Maths	English	Normal Lessons*	English	Normal Lessons*
P5	Normal Lessons*	Normal Lessons*	Geography	Normal Lessons*	Normal Lessons*

***Music and IT assessments will be taking place during your music lessons either in assessment week or the week either side – your teachers will advise which day.**