



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Exam week: Monday 7th - Friday 11th June 2021

Students in Year 8 will have an exam week from **Monday 7th - Friday 11th June 2021**. There will be class test in mathematics, science, religious studies, history and geography. The exams will be timetabled (see attached timetable) and carried out in normal lesson time in their normal teaching classrooms supervised by their teachers. Each exam will last for approximately 50 minutes. English assessments are happening separately in the week beginning 17th May. In Languages each student will have an end of year speaking test. These will take place during the fortnight beginning Monday 28 June.

The purpose of these exams is to begin to build a positive experience of sitting several tests in different subjects in the same week. This allows students to gain revision skills and emotional resilience in preparing for tests. They also allow us to gather useful data on the students' progress, which is particularly useful following home learning.

If students do not have an exam in a lesson, they will be expected to bring in their equipment and books for a normal lesson. It is unlikely that they will be able to revise in normal lesson time. PE will not be affected and students will need to bring in their PE kit as usual.

Teachers will be guiding students on what to revise and how to prepare. Alongside this, in tutor time, students will be discussing study skills and exam preparation techniques. I have spoken to them in assembly about stress and exams a summary of this assembly is available on this link: [Year 8 Revision Information](#) Although students should be doing some revision for these exams we do not expect this to interfere with having a proper break over the May half term. The process is about learning to do a moderate amount of revision well. Please click the following link: [Year 8 Exam Week Masterplan](#)

The information from the exams will be used in the end of year progress reviews. They will form a part of the process of creating teaching groups for the following academic year alongside other assessment data and work that has been produced through the year.

We hope that the information in this letter will help you as parents to support your child in their exam preparation. Please do contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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