



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you ahead of your child's **Year 8 End of Year Assessments** to provide you with some key information. We hope that the information listed below helps you to understand our assessment process as well as provide you with resources and information to allow you to support your child at home.

Firstly, it is important to recognise that we assess students all the time in the classroom, this helps us to identify what students can and cannot do, so that students and teachers know whether pupils are secure and can move on or whether additional practise or teaching required. In its simplest form, every question asked that checks for understanding is a form of assessment. Students will show their understanding in lessons in a whole range of ways, such as, through 'Do Now' tasks at the beginning of the lesson or showing what they know on mini whiteboards or engaging in low stakes quizzes or answering fluency tests.

End of year assessments seek to answer bigger questions about how well pupils are doing, such as what they have learned and retained over time. How does that compare to their peers? Are they making the progress that would be expected?

One advantage of being part of a large multi academy trust is that we sit standardised assessments. This enables us to see how students in our school are performing compared to similar students in other schools.

Assessments are important because they provide us with valuable information:

- They tell us (students and teachers) what has been successfully learned and where there are gaps in learning that we need to address.
- They inform setting and grouping for the future. Set changes ensure your child is in a group which provides enough support and challenge.
- They enable us to report to parents in a meaningful way so that you know what progress students are making.

We hope that the information provided with this letter communicates all that you need to know. However, should you have any questions about your child's end of year assessments please do not hesitate to get in touch. Information on how to get in touch has been shared with this letter.

Best wishes

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Assistant Principal, Leader of Literacy and Teacher of English.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When do the assessments take place?

#### Key Dates

Below we have outlined the exam dates for all core subjects: English, Maths and Science. Dates and times of all other classroom assessments will be published on our website closer to the exam time.

Students and parents should be aware that formal assessments will take place in Geography, History and either French or Spanish.

#### Core Assessment Timetable

Date	Start Time	Subject	Location
Tue, 07 June 2022	12:00	English - Reading	Arena
Mon, 13 June 2022	14:00	English - Writing	Arena
Wed, 15 June 2022	12:00	Science - Paper 1	Arena
Fri, 17 June 2022	14:00	Science - Paper 2	Arena
Wed, 22 June 2022 (Y Band)	12:05	Maths Paper 1	Classroom based
Wed, 22 June 2022 (X Band)	13:50	Maths Paper 1	Classroom based
Wed, 29 June 2022 (Y Band)	09:00	Maths Paper 2	Classroom based
Wed, 29 June 2022 (X Band)	12:05	Maths Paper 2	Classroom based

### Where do the assessments take place?

These assessments will take place in both the arena and in classrooms as part of the formal examination process. Other subjects will take assessments within classrooms as part of existing lessons.

Enabling students to sit some assessments in formal exam venues helps them to experience the formal conditions that they will experience when sitting terminal GCSE exams in Year 11. Practising taking exams in this way can help to build students familiarity and confidence with being assessed in this setting.

### What equipment will I need for my assessment?

Students will need to ensure that they have their standard school equipment and some spare equipment with them on the days of their assessments. This should include: 3 black pens, 1 green pen, 2 pencils, 1 ruler, calculator, and a rubber.

### How should my child prepare for these assessments?

At the end of this letter, you will find a table. The table outlines, what topics will be assessed for each subject to help focus your child's revision. The table also shares what revision resources students can access to support them in preparing for these assessments. These will become available over the coming weeks and introduced to students in lessons. They will also be accessible through Arbor.

### **What can I do to help my child prepare for assessments?**

Students will be set work on Arbor to complete ahead of their assessments. All work has been designed to support your child to achieve the best possible outcomes. We encourage checking Arbor regularly for work and supporting your child to complete all work set.

Students may need support in creating a comfortable and quiet space to work. We encourage students to use a space free from distractions. Supporting your child by creating a space in the home for quiet work can allow students to focus on learning. We would encourage students to complete work without mobile phones (where possible) or other distractions like television. If students would prefer to use school spaces, please be aware the HUB is open after-school and on Saturday from 9am-12pm.

Taking regular breaks from study and ensuring that students study in blocks of no more than 2 hours at a time, can be a useful way to structure revision. Students will see an increase in the amount of homework as their assessments approach, and it may seem overwhelming at first. We encourage students to complete work steadily over time and to ensure that they are learning at a steady pace. If students complete all work and would like more resources, they should contact their class teachers directly who can provide more resources.

### **I have a question/concern/require further information about my child's assessments, who is the best person to contact?**

If you have a question or require help that is subject specific e.g., related to topic content or issues with accessing revision materials, please contact your child's class teacher directly or subject leader. This is often the quickest way to receive specific support and guidance on how to help your child to prepare.

If you have questions or require support related to your child's wellbeing during assessments please contact your child's tutor, Head of Year or Director of Year.

If for any reason you experience difficulties in getting the information you need from the above, then please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

We have included a list of useful contacts below and a [link here](#) to a list of all teacher contacts on our website.

Title	Name	Email address
English Key Stage 3 Lead	Mrs K. Ward	<a href="mailto:kward@theregisschool.co.uk">kward@theregisschool.co.uk</a>
Maths Key Stage 3 Lead	Mrs V. Muggerridge	<a href="mailto:vmuggerridge@theregisschool.co.uk">vmuggerridge@theregisschool.co.uk</a>
Science Key Stage 3 Lead	Ms M Stephenson	<a href="mailto:Mstephenson@theregisschool.co.uk">Mstephenson@theregisschool.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 8	Mr R Jewell	<a href="mailto:rjewell@theregisschool.co.uk">rjewell@theregisschool.co.uk</a>
Director of Year 8	Miss E Buckingham	<a href="mailto:ebuckingham@theregisschool.co.uk">ebuckingham@theregisschool.co.uk</a>
Assistant Principal	Ms V Koutsoukou	<a href="mailto:vkoutsoukou@theregisschool.co.uk">vkoutsoukou@theregisschool.co.uk</a>

## Preparing for Assessments – Topic Content and Support with Revision

Subject	Subject	Exam Content	Revision Materials
Science	Paper 1 1 hour	8BD Digestion 8CP Periodic Table 8PL Light and Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual topic booklets set on Arbor.</li> <li>- Seneca department homework set on Arbor.</li> <li>- Individual Seneca learning set on Arbor.</li> <li>- <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a></li> </ul>
Science	Paper 2 1 hour	8BE Ecological Relationships 8CM Earths Resources 8PE Electricity and Magnetism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual topic booklets</li> <li>- Seneca department homework</li> <li>- Individual Seneca learning</li> <li>- <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a></li> </ul>
English	Reading 45 Minutes	A literature style exam based on one of two dystopian short stories: A Sound of Thunder and Examination Day. One question requiring an essay response based on either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dick</li> <li>- Dick's parents</li> <li>- Eckles</li> <li>- Power</li> <li>- Oppression and control</li> <li>- Fear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A4 Revision cards for each potential question accompanied by a PowerPoint with voice notes taking students through the revision cards available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Video Reading of both the short stories available on Arbor.</li> </ul>
English	Writing 45 Minutes	Creative Writing. Complete a piece of creative writing either writing to describe or writing to narrate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A4 revision card for each form and purpose accompanied by a PowerPoint with voice notes available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Consciously crafted sentences sheet available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Practice Questions available on Arbor.</li> </ul>
Maths	Paper 1 1 hour	<b>Non-Calculator</b> This exam can assess any topic covered in Year 8. Questions may also require prior knowledge of Year 7 topics. A detailed list of all Year 8 topics, including Sparx task numbers, will be uploaded to Arbor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topic List with Sparx task numbers available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Past Exam Paper and worked solutions available in class.</li> <li>- Revision Pack with practice questions addressing each topic available on Arbor.</li> </ul>



<b>Maths</b>	Paper 2 1 hour	<p>Calculator</p> <p>This exam can assess any topic covered in Year 8. Questions may also require prior knowledge of Year 7 topics.</p> <p>A detailed list of all Year 8 topics, including Sparx task numbers, will be uploaded to Arbor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topic List with Sparx task numbers available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Past Exam Paper and worked solutions available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Revision Pack with practice questions addressing each topic available on Arbor.</li> </ul>
<b>History</b>	1 hour	<p><b>Henry VIII and the Reformation</b> Key knowledge of events, dates, and significant figures. <i>-Explain why Henry broke away from the catholic church</i></p> <p><b>Tudor England</b> - Key knowledge of events, dates, and significant figures.</p> <p><b>English Civil War</b> - Key knowledge of events, dates, and significant figures. <i>- Explain what caused the English Civil War</i></p> <p><b>The Transatlantic Slave Trade</b> - Key knowledge of events, dates, and significant figures. <i>- Explain the factors in the abolition of slave trade.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual topic booklets available in class.</li> <li>- Seneca homework set on Arbor.</li> <li>- Oak Academy Lessons signposted on Arbor.</li> </ul>
<b>Geography</b>	1 hour	<p><b>Coasts:</b> Processes of erosion, transportation, and deposition Erosional and Depositional landforms Coastal erosion impacts Coastal engineering Holderness Coast case study</p> <p><b>Population:</b> Human and physical factors which affect population distribution Population changes over time Ageing population Causes and impacts of migration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tasks set on Seneca learning platform available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Links to specific Oak National Academy content available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Knowledge Organiser and fluency sheets available on Arbor.</li> <li>- Consolidation revision sheets including exam question practice available in class and on Arbor.</li> </ul>
<b>MFL</b>	French* 1 hour	<p><b>Topics Assessed include:</b> Holidays Going out and staying in (hobbies and free time) Health and Fitness School and Future Plans <i>All pupils must be able to write around 50 words on one of these topics using:</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vocabulary sets on Quizlet.com</li> <li>- Revision booklet set on Arbor.</li> <li>- <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a></li> </ul>



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<b>MFL</b>	Spanish* 1 hour	<b>Topics Assessed include:</b> Holidays Going out and staying in (hobbies and free time) Health and Fitness School and Future Plans <i>All pupils must be able to write around 50 words on one of these topics using: opinions, past tense, future tense from memory.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vocabulary sets on Quizlet</li><li>- Booklet on Arbor</li><li>- BBC Bitesize</li></ul>

\*Students will be assessed in writing, reading, and listening.