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Dear parents / guardians,

KS3 END OF YEARS EXAMS - Year 8

We are coming to the end of another academic year. It has been a wonderful year, full of many opportunities to develop as learners and young people, and at this point it is appropriate to put our focus on assessing the progress students have made in their subjects.

Each subject has the freedom to assess this in their own way, which best suits the demands of their subject and the needs of our pupils. Some will be based on an ongoing assessment from projects undertaken throughout the year, some a recent end of unit test may be chosen. The majority, however, are setting end of year exams as a way for students to demonstrate their learning and ability in exam situations, which is the ultimate outcome of a UK education to open doors to their future.

These exams will be reported to you as parents in the end of year report as a pathway result, and students will get valuable feedback on them from their teachers in order to improve. Along with this, they will receive an overall teacher pathway for the year. Both can be viewed against their target pathway to evaluate their progress in assessments and the whole academic year.

Below is a table which indicates the exams that are upcoming in our KS3 exams weeks.

Date	Lesson	Subject / Class
Monday 25 June 2018	1	Drama (8:3)
	4	Geography (8:3)
Tuesday 26 June 2018		
	5	Geography (8:2)
Wednesday 27 June 2018	2	Geography (8:1)
	3	English Language A (Y8 All)



Thursday 28 June 2018	1	Mathematics Y8
	4	English Language B (Y8 All)
	5	Music(8MU1)
Friday 29 June 2018		
	3	Music(8MU2) & Drama (8:1)
	5	Music(8MU3) & Drama (8:2)
Monday 02 July 2018	1	Mathematics P1
	3	PE (8:1)
Tuesday 03 July 2018	1	History (8:2)
	2	Science (Y8)
	4	Religious Studies (8:3 - 8:1)
Wednesday 04 July 2018		
Thursday 05 July 2018		
	2	Religious Studies (8:2) & History (8:1)
	4	Maths P2
Friday 06 July 2018	5	History (8:3)
	1	PE (8.2)

Although important and reported on, these exams are not a final assessment of a student's progress, simply part of a holistic assessment to help progress and for students to practice the skills of revision and exam preparation. With the end of year report there will be the usual effort and behaviour marks, as well as a report of students' work towards our core values shown in a summary of their epraise points and achievements this year.

Finally, we are aware that some students in KS3 are going on the French exchange just before these exams. Please be sure as parents and please reiterate to your son/daughter that if this is the case, the French Exchange is a brilliant opportunity and will not impact negativities on their exam grades. Although our end of year exams are important, they do not come above the holistic benefits and well rounded education a visit such as this brings. The crucial teacher pathway in the end of year report will take the impacts of the exchange into account. I hope this message can alleviate any unnecessary pressure students may feel in this scenario.

Yours faithfully,

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