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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Examinations

I am writing to remind you that Year 8 examinations will take place during lesson time in the two weeks commencing **Monday 10th June 2024**. The examinations will take place in the core subjects English, Mathematics and Science. Your child's teacher will confirm in which lesson(s) the examination will take place.

Preparation for examinations is essential. We have high expectations of our students and expect them to take responsibility for the preparation and revision for all examinations, to be motivated to work hard at school and at home. To help you support your child in the lead up to these examinations, please find below information that students need to be revising.

Examination Details:

English

All students in Year 8 will be completing one examination paper with two sections looking at both reading and writing. For the reading section, they will be given an extract to read then answer a range of questions to show the extent to which they can interpret meaning. There will also be expected to analyse the writer's use of language. For the writing tasks, students will have to write a non-fiction piece i.e. a speech or letter.

Mathematics

The Mathematics examination will contain the following topics:

Transformations

Constructions

Plans and elevations

Co ordinates

Linear graphs

Standard form

Sequences

Factors multiples and primes including LCM and HCF

The useful revision sites are:

- MyMaths
- Khan Academy
- Heggarty maths
- Corbettmaths

Science

The Science examination will include the following topics from the three key areas Biology, Chemistry and Physics:

- Health and lifestyle
- The periodic table
- Electricity and magnetism

Useful sources of revision include:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

The following list is essential equipment that students must have with them for every examination; pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, compass, protractor and, for Mathematics and Science, a calculator. Students are expected to show exemplary behaviour, particularly during examination periods. Disruption will not be tolerated and it may be necessary to remove a student from the examination and the student will then achieve zero marks on that paper.

To further support your child in their studies it is important to increase the monitoring and support you provide at home during the revision and examination period.

You can support by: -

- Ensuring they are completing all homework tasks.
- Encouraging your child to extend themselves beyond the minimum set work.
- Encourage them to use published workbooks and revision guides.
- Increasing your discussions on their work and progress.
- Ensuring maximum attendance. There is a direct link between performance and full attendance.

With your support I am confident that the Year 8 examinations will be a success for all students and their hard work will be rewarded with the results they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

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