



Year 8 Examination Information 2025

Dear Parents

With the Year 8 examinations on the horizon, I felt it was important to get in touch to provide some guidance on how pupils can prepare, as well as information regarding the logistics of the examinations.

The examinations will take place between Wednesday 1 May and Wednesday 7 May; please find attached a copy of the examination timetable for your perusal.

[Year 8 Exam Timetable 2025](#)

These examinations are formative assessments designed to help teachers identify any gaps in pupils' learning. This will help pupils set targets for the rest of the academic year and into Year 9. We believe that creating a structured examination timetable and basing examinations in the Hall will help prepare our pupils for external examinations in the future. It is important to note the results will not be used to create teaching sets for next academic year except for in Mathematics. I would also like to take this opportunity to emphasise that, whilst we want all pupils to do their very best, these examinations are not the *be-all-and-end-all*, but should be seen as an important step on a longer journey.

To support Year 8 in preparing for these examinations, any homework set between now and the examinations will be revision-based to alleviate the additional stress of homework that would not be contributing to their examination preparation.

On Friday I delivered an assembly to Year 8 to reassure and support them ahead of their examinations, focusing on strategies to help them cope with any potential examination stress as well as revision techniques. Please find attached the assembly notes as well as a PowerPoint created by Young Minds Matter (a mental health support service in Gloucestershire) as this may help you support your child at home. Year 8 will also be attending a Study Skills workshop to explore revision techniques in more depth today, further information is in the Assembly PowerPoint.

[Year 8 Assembly Revision](#)

[Young Minds Matter PowerPoint](#)

Finally, please find below key information and requests from the examinations team covering the logistics of the examinations:

- All exams to take place in the Hall, unless student has an Access Arrangement in place for a laptop for that subject or an alternative room arrangement in which case those exams will be in B5. Please note the Art Exam will take place in lessons prior to or after the exams.
- Students should line up in their tutor groups in alphabetical order in the Quad until a member of staff calls them into the Exam Venue (Hall).
- Students are not allowed to have mobile phones, ear pods, ear buds, watches MP3/4 players, smart glasses or any web enabled device on their person. These must be switched off and in their bags. These should be placed under their exam desk.
- Students must ensure they have the following equipment: Black pens (bring spares), HB pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener, calculator, ruler and geometry set. In a clear pencil case/plastic bag.
- Water/non-sugary drinks may be brought in, again, in a clear bottle with no labels.
- Remind students not to bring extra bags or equipment into the Hall with them as there is not enough space under the desk.

Kind regards

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