



Year 8 Examination Information 2026

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 Monday 15 June and Friday 19 June; please find attached a copy of the examination timetable for your perusal.

[Year 8 Examination Timetable](#)

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 invigilated rooms 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 Thursday I will be delivering 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.

[Young Minds Matter PowerPoint](#)

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

- Pupils will sit examinations in the Q rooms, where each room will be comprised of half a Year 7 form and half a Year 8 form. Each 2 person desk will pair up a Year 7 with a Year 8, by register order, so that there is no chance of pupils copying from the person next to them. I have included both the Year 7 and 8 timetables, as it is important to note that they are slightly different and there will be times when Year 7 have a revision session, but Year 8 are sitting an examination.
- The exams will take place in the Q rooms plus G2 for those with Access Arrangements.
- Students register in their form rooms in the morning and then when arriving at the Q rooms they must line up alphabetically where the form will be split in half.
- 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 their examination room as there is not enough space under the desk.

Kind regards

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