

15th May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

In-class subject tests will run from Tuesday 30th May to Thursday 1st June. Information about the topics to be covered are provided overleaf. Subject teachers and your child's Tutor will provide advice on how to revise. The school day will run as usual, but Year 8 will have their lunch a little earlier on the Wednesday, at 12.02pm. Students will be expected to spend some time preparing and revising for subsequent tests when they finish each session. An overview of the scheduled in-class tests is shown below:

Tuesday 30th May

	Period 2 & 3	Period 4 & 5	Period 6	Period 7 & 8
A Band	Science	Geography	Lunch	French
B Band	Science	Geography	Lunch	French
C Band	Science	Geography	Lunch	French

Wednesday 31st May

	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8
A Band	Maths		RE	Lunch	ICT	History	
B Band	Maths		RE	Lunch	ICT	History	
C Band	Maths		RE	Lunch	ICT	History	

Thursday 1st June

	Period 2 & 3	Period 4 & 5	Period 6	Period 7 & 8
A Band	English	DT	Lunch	German General English Manx
B Band	English	DT	Lunch	German General English
C Band	English	DT	Lunch	German General English

A Band: 8CR5, 8CR7, 8HL5 and 8ML9;

B Band: 8LT3, 8MY2 and 8PD5;

C Band: 8HL11, 8LC9 and 8PY3.

Yours sincerely

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Subject	Topics of Study	Example/s of type/s of questions to expect
English 1 hour	Reading Exam: Poetry	Students will answer one question about a poem. There will be bullet points provided to structure their response. Students will have two lessons to annotate and discuss the poem, but will not be able to take their annotated copy into the exam. Students will be issued a clean copy of the poem and the question in the exam. Students will need to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The effects created by the poet's choice of language;• The form and structure of the poem and how the narrative progresses• Effects created by the poet's choices of imagery
Maths 1 hour	Everything from September 2016 to end of May 2017. Calculator Paper	Questions are in the same style as the October, December and Easter tests. Students can use old tests to revise the question styles.
Science 1 hour 15 minutes	KS3 National Curriculum based. Topics include; Respiration, Human Biology, Genetics and Evolution, Periodic table, Earth and atmosphere, Materials, Space, Energy and Forces and motion.	Questions are the same style as homework two's and end of unit tests. Students should use these to revise.
French 30minutes reading 30minutes writing.	Topics to revise: everything you have done, including grammar, free time & hobbies, food & drink, illness & injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple choice• Matching pictures to words/sentences• Understanding short paragraphs• Writing short answers in English• Writing words and short sentences in French• Changing sentences to say something new• Writing a paragraph in French

German	Topics to revise: everything you have done, including all grammar, numbers, body & illness, food & drink and weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice • Matching pictures to words/sentences • Understanding short paragraphs • Writing short answers in English • Writing words and short sentences in German • Changing sentences to say something new • Writing a paragraph in German
Geography 1 hour	All topics since September. Topics outlined on www.geog.biz and there is also a revision section too.	Some shorter one word answers along with structured questions. Includes diagrams and a world map to label.
History 1 hour 15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unseen Sources Comprehension. • Slavery source question. • 10 quick fire questions about other topics they have studied this year. 	The unseen source will be from a period the students have studied, but will NOT be a source they have studied. They must respond to comprehension questions about the source. Students should revise their work on slavery from earlier this year for the slavery element of the paper. They will need to revise the other topics covered earlier in the year for the 10 random questions.
D & T 1 hour 15 minutes	The Design Process: Logos and lettering fonts; Health and safety/hazard signs seen in a workshop; Designing using a mood-board for inspiration; Calculations from given information; Colour wheel; Uses of DT tools and equipment; DT 6 R's; CAD & CAM; Copying scale logos.	Using and identifying stages in the design process. Using different fonts to create a personal logo. Recognising tools and equipment, identifying health and safety workshop hazard symbols. Enlarging in scale of a popular logo. Use of mathematics to work out retail value of products as a collective. Explaining what CAD and CAM is.
RE 40 minutes	Revise all topics covered in Year 8.	Structured questions on topics covered in Year 8.
ICT 45 minutes (written exam)	All topics covered this year. Including: Computer graphics such as Fireworks and Photoshop and Computer Science areas such as Logo and Flowol.	These are multiple choice and short answer questions. Some questions require calculations to be made.

Equipment: Black ink pen, pencil, ruler, rubber are needed for all tests.