

Dear Parent/Carer

On Thursday 31st May Year 8 will sit their In-class tests for English, Maths and Science. 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 and Year 8 will have their lunch at the normal time of 12.52pm. 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:

Thursday 31st May

	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8
A Band	Science		Maths		Lunch	English	
B Band	Science		Maths		Lunch	English	
C Band	Science		Maths		Lunch	English	

E Band will follow the same schedule as above.

A Band: 8CM2, 8HC4, 8LS1 and 8ML12;

B Band: 8LH1, 8MB2 and 8PL3;

C Band: 8CP7, 8HS7 and 8PD1.

Yours sincerely

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Year 8		
Subject	Topics of Study	Example/s of type/s of questions to expect
English 1 hour	Reading Exam: Poetry	<p>Students will answer one question about a poem. There will be bullet points provided to structure their response.</p> <p>They 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 with a clean copy of the poem and provided with the question in the exam.</p> <p>Students will need to discuss:</p> <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
Science 1 hour	<p>This is based on the Cambridge Secondary 1.</p> <p>Students will be tested on the following topics; Plants, Materials, "Energy and Electricity" and Animals.</p> <p>The new topic of "Chemical Reactions" will not be examined.</p>	<p>Questions are the same style as homework two's and end of unit tests.</p> <p>Students should use these to revise.</p>

<p>Maths</p> <p>50 minutes</p> <p>Calculator Paper</p>	<p>Equipment needed: Calculator Ruler Pen Eraser Pencil</p> <p>ALL SETS SHOULD REVISE: Problem solving – multiplication, division, addition, subtraction Problem solving with money Time, Rounding, Fractions of amounts, Odd and even numbers Factors and multiples, Best buy problems, Probability Expressions, Substitution, Solving equations, Sequences Two way tables, Bar charts, Frequency diagrams Using scales, Conversion graphs, Range, Reflections Properties of shapes, Area, Units of measure Various problem solving questions</p> <p>SET 2 SHOULD ALSO REVISE: Midpoints, Coordinates Reading tables, Perimeter Formulae and equations Percentages</p> <p>SET 1 AND E BAND SHOULD REVISE EVERYTHING ABOVE AND ALSO REVISE: Circumference, Volume Nth term, Powers, Averages Converting between measurements Equations of straight lines</p>	<p>Questions are in the same style as the other assessments completed this year (not the topic tests – the longer assessments).</p> <p>This is the second paper following the assessment completed before the Easter holidays.</p> <p>Students can use old tests to revise the question styles.</p>
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Equipment: Black ink pen, pencil, ruler, rubber are needed for all tests.