

PS453/25-26/MSM/KLA

Friday 15 May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Next half term we will enter into this year's final assessment window for students in Key Stage 3. This means that they will be sitting end of year tests in most subjects. These will take place at the following times:

- Year 9 - weeks beginning 1st and 8th June
- Year 8 - weeks beginning 8th and 15th June (except maths)
- Year 7 - weeks beginning 15th and 22nd June

The majority of assessments will be completed within normal lessons. **However, assessments in maths, English and science will be completed in our exam hall.** This is in order to give students an experience similar to GCSE/BTEC exams in preparation for years 10 and 11. Exams taking place in the exam hall are:

Y9

1st June - 1.20pm (p4) - Maths (non-calculator)  
2nd June - 1.20pm (p4) - Science  
10th June - 1.20pm (p4) - English  
11th June - 1.20pm (p4) - Maths (calculator)

Y8

16th June - 1.20pm (p4) - Science  
18th June - 9am (p1) - English  
23rd June - 9am (p1) - Maths

Y7

17th June - 1.20pm (p4) - English  
19th June - 9am (p1) - Maths  
23rd June - 1.20pm (p4) - Science

All tests will cover a cross section of the knowledge and skills that students have been taught this year. Students will be given advice about how to revise for these in class and

should spend some time first testing themselves on their subject knowledge, before further revisiting content. They will also have an assembly focused on preparation for their exams.

To help prepare your child, it is important to reassure them that these tests are a benchmark, helping teachers to know how to support and challenge them to progress further. Their gaps and mistakes are as important to us as their successes and we will celebrate everyone's efforts. It is normal for students to feel worried about exams and testing. We work with an organisation called Action Your Potential who help prepare students for exams. You can sign up to the Action Your Potential HUB [here](#). The HUB provides resources, including videos focused on building self-efficacy and resilience, and keeping calm during exams.

Kind regards,

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