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## Year 8 Cycle 3 Assessments

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child upholds our core values of resilience, integrity, and courtesy to ensure our school is a place where everyone feels welcome, and everyone succeeds.

We are approaching Cycle 3 Assessments for Year 8. Students will complete assessments in all subjects and these will be held between **3 June and 28 June**. The majority of assessments will take place in the sports hall to support students with getting used to formal exam conditions and expectations.

At Dixons McMillan, we use assessment to make inferences about student progress and to ensure that all students receive the support they need. Teachers will analyse students' performance in these assessments in order to plan the most effective interventions in class.

Students will receive their results in class, and you will receive a Cycle 3 Report in July with details of the percentage scored by your child, along with how this compares with the average year-group performance across the trust.

Please can you help your child to prepare for these assessments by

- Providing them with a quiet space to revise
- Discussing their Cycle 3 assessments with them
- Guiding them to use their revision material and 100% folders
- Talking to them about their concerns or fears.

Please see overleaf for the schedule of assessments and the topics they will cover. Your child will be given a more comprehensive revision checklist to support with their studies.

We would like to wish all our students the very best of luck and continue to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



**Lydia Gayle**  
Assistant Vice Principal



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Focus of Assessment and Topics to Revise</b>	<b>Date of assessment</b>
Spanish	Family, Free time, food, clothes, Town, Holidays and weather Opinions + reasons, past and future	Monday 24 June
Maths (non-calculator)	Paper 1 – Non calculator Please refer to revision list and use given revision booklet	Tuesday 25 June
English (reading)	Non-fiction, unseen extract. Comprehension and understanding of the text, language analysis.	Tuesday 25 June
Science	Body, plants and photosynthesis , variation and inheritance , metals reaction, forces & motion, chemical reactions, electricity and magnetism	Wednesday 26 June
History	Industrial Revolution, Slave Trade and Abolition, Life in the British Empire, Women’s Suffrage Campaigns	Wednesday 26 June
English (writing)	Persuasive writing.	Thursday 27 June
RE	Animal experimentation evaluation question and world religions multiple choice questions.	Thursday 27 June
Maths (calculator)	Paper 2 – Calculator Please refer to revision list and use given revision booklet	Friday 28 June
Geography	Oceans and continents. Water, rock and nutrient cycle. Rio and Bradford. Wildfires, glaciation and China.	Friday 28 June
PE	Practical Assessment on Cricket or Rounders	In class w/c Monday 10 June
Music	Hooks and Riffs / Instruments of the Orchestra	In class w/c Monday 10 June
Drama	Performance skills and general knowledge	In class w/c Monday 10 June
Computing	Internet Safety, Hardware And Peripherals, Image Representation, Operating systems, Binary, Python	In class w/c Monday 10 June
DT	Materials categories – Timber and Plastic Tools and equipment Health and Safety in the workshop	In class w/c Monday 10 June
Textiles	Materials, health and safety, tools and equipment + practical score.	In class w/c Monday 10 June
Art	40 min drawing assessment Still life. 10 mins multiple choice quiz	In class w/c Monday 10 June

