



Diocese of St. Albans



ST MARY'S  
CE HIGH SCHOOL

February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Year 8 Assessment Week: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March –24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Week A)**

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming assessment period for students in Year 8.

The ability of students to sit formal examinations is essential. There are no longer modular elements to GCSE exam courses, so all work studied over the two year courses will be examined in a series of end of course examinations. This represents quite a change regarding how we, as teachers, prepare students for exams and how they prepare themselves.

These examinations will serve a number of purposes. Firstly, it will allow us to gain an accurate understanding of how much progress each student has made. Secondly, it will enable students to get into the habit of preparing for formal examinations. It will also provide an early indication for suitability to study subjects at GCSE level.

All exams will be sat under strict examination conditions in classrooms.

The assessment timetable is attached to this letter in order for you to support your child in their revision and preparation. Please note that examination times for Geography, History, RS and ICT will be communicated by individual teachers due to the complexity of the teaching timetable. Examination revision materials are available on Google Classroom and identified in the booklet.

Students will not sit exams in Technology, PE, Drama and PSHE.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate contact us further.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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## Timetable for Y8 Exams, 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Week A)

- **Students are not on a collapsed timetable or study leave.** The exam timetables follow the usual student timetable, if students are not in an exam they will be in usual lessons.
- Students will sit 8 examinations, each exam will last approximately 45 minutes.
- To understand the timetable below, students need to identify whether they are in the 'ab' or 'cd' half of the year from their usual timetable.
- Because of the complexities of the school timetable, examinations in Geography, History, RE and ICT are not shown on the timetable below, these times will be communicated by individual teachers.
- Students will not sit exams in Technology, PE, Drama and PSHE.

### 8ab Examinations

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March				English	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Science		Maths		
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	French/Spanish				
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March					
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March					

### 8cd Examinations

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Maths			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Science			French/Spanish	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March					English
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March					
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March					

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