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Dear parent/carers of a Year 8 student,

Your child will be sitting end of year examinations later this term, with examinations taking place between Monday 20 June and Friday 24 June. After this letter, you will find a timetable of the exams and, on page 3, a table showing what each exam will assess. Further details for students about what to revise will be uploaded to Satchel and be explained in lessons.

The end of year examinations are an opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills in each of their subjects. These exams provide the final assessment point in most subjects and will contribute to your child's overall grade for the year. In most cases, the exams cover much or all the content studied over the year. In some subjects, end of year exams will not take place; in these cases, students will instead be assessed through end of unit assessments or – in the case of practical subjects – practical assessments during lesson times.

Please encourage your child to prepare for these examinations thoroughly, carrying out regular revision in the lead-up to these examinations. As a school, we recommend that students revise by creating notes to summarise their learning; use flashcards to test themselves; and where possible answer similar questions to those likely to come up in the exams to implement their knowledge. We know that students are most likely to succeed with your support. Please encourage them, ask them questions about their work, ensure they are well-organised, and make sure they are eating and sleeping well.

Students should continue to arrive at school at the usual time, and will be dismissed at the usual time. All exams will take place in classrooms. When they do not have exams, students will attend their regular lessons.

As always, please ensure your child has all their normal equipment, including a water bottle, a black biro pen, a pencil, sharpener, and where appropriate, other specialist equipment (e.g. calculator, compass, protractor, coloured pencils, etc).

Thank you for your support; please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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End of year examination timetable

	Exam 1	Exam 2
Monday 20 June	Period 3: Religious Studies	Period 4: Science
Tuesday 21 June	Period 1: Maths non-calculator	Period 2: English Paper 2
Wednesday 22 June	Period 1: Maths calculator	Period 2: History
Thursday 23 June	Period 2: Geography	Period 4: Computing
Friday 24 June	Period 1: English Paper 1	Period 2: Music and Drama

Exam content

Subject	Time allowed	Content
Computing	45 mins	Computational thinking: algorithms, decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition, computer components (internal & external), python and digital media
English (paper 1)	1 hour	Reading exam assessing comprehension and analysis of two unseen non-fiction extracts.
English (paper 2)	50 minutes	Writing exam assessing non-fiction writing skills.
History	1 hour	Source questions on African Civilisations, Transatlantic Enslavement & the British Empire. Students are required to answer an extended question on the British Empire.
Maths (paper 1)	50 minutes	Non-calculator paper covering all topics studied in lessons this year
Maths (paper 2)	50 minutes	Calculator paper covering all topics studied in lessons this year
Music/Drama	30 minutes for Music, 30 minutes for Drama	Music: Treble clef notes, Bass clef notes, The Baroque period, The Blues, 4-Chord trick. Drama: Application of vocal and physical skills to a play text extract: written questions.
Religious Studies	1 hour	Tiered exam paper: Assorted Christian and Buddhist beliefs and ethical questions
Science (paper 1)	1 hour	Students will be assessed on the following topics: Plant reproduction, Chemical reactions, electricity & magnetism, Space, Gas exchange, respiration, Earth & atmosphere, genetics and waves