

Year 8 assessments, December 2025

Assessments will take place in the classroom where you are normally timetabled to have a lesson. They will last approximately 40 minutes.

The timetable below shows you when each subject will be assessed.

For example, on Monday 1st December everyone will have their maths assessment in whichever classroom they are timetabled to be in for their period 1 lesson.

	Tutor	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 01 December		Maths		RWV		
Tuesday 02 December		Music		English		
Wednesday 03 December				History		
Thursday 04 December		Science		Geography		
Friday 05 December		MFL (your main language from y7)		Computing		
Monday 08 December				Art		
Tuesday 09 December						

The assessment for the DT subject(s) that you currently take (wood, textiles, food) will take place in a normal DT lesson. Your teacher will let you know when this will be.

You will not have a written PE, PSD, citizenship or drama assessment at this stage.

Ongoing in-lesson assessment will be reported in drama and PE. Citizenship will be assessed in the summer assessment series.

The purpose of these assessments is to help you consolidate what you have learned so far in each subject. This helps you to get the most out of Year 8 and helps us to identify which areas to plan further support for you. The assessments will begin to build your confidence in revising larger amounts of knowledge, and to develop the skills to do so. You have 4 school weeks to prepare.

To help you succeed in your assessments:

- Mrs Burrows will give you an assembly on effective revision techniques.
- Your tutors will run a programme to help your revision, including how to organise yourself with a revision timetable.
- Your teachers will tell you which aspects of your course will be assessed. They will give you revision guidance and support.
- During the 4-week preparation time, your homework will be to revise.
- Teachers and LSAs will support those people who normally have extra time or the use of assistive technology (etc). At this stage, access arrangements will be facilitated in classrooms.

If you are eligible for extra time in assessments, you will begin your assessments 10 minutes earlier than other students in the room. You will all finish at the same time. If you are given extra time, you will be asked to use a different coloured pen for the last 10 minutes of the assessment. This is so we can identify the benefits of this additional time.

Independent revision is a habit which requires practice. To benefit from this process, we expect most students to revise **up to** 2 hours per evening (including homework) during the 4-week preparation time. The amount of time will vary, but don't spend more than this time.

These assessments are an important part of your learning process. They will also help you to make your choices for option subjects after Christmas.

Mr Johnston

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