



BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Principal: Ms P Stuart, B. Ed, PQH NI, M. Ed

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of term, we wish to inform you of upcoming testing and assessments which will be taking place for Year 8 students.

During the week beginning, 23rd May 2022, your daughter will be sitting progress tests using the GL Assessment suite. She will sit the following assessments during class time across the week:

- Progress through English (PTE)
- Progress through Maths (PTM)
- Progress through Science (PTS)
- Reading Test (NGRT)
- Pupil Attitudinal School Survey (PASS)

The purpose of these tests is to provide information to support your daughter's progress in preparation for the new academic year 2022/23; the tests are also an accurate assessment method to monitor and track your daughter's progress across KS3.

Your daughter will not be required to revise or study for the GL skills-based tests so no preparation is necessary; it is important that your daughter does not become anxious as no pre-learning or revision is required.

From Tuesday 7th-Tuesday 14th June 2022, Year 8 will be sitting subject assessments. All students have received their timetables today. Please find below a timetable detailing exact days on which each assessment is scheduled. A copy of this timetable can also be found on our school website.

Period	Tuesday 7/06/22	Wednesday 8/06/22	Thursday 9/06/22	Friday 10/06/22	Monday 13/06/22	Tuesday 14/06/22
1 2	English	Home Study Day	Geography	Religious Education	Home Economics	French or Spanish
3*	Revision		Revision	Revision	Revision	Revision
4 5	Mathematics		Science	History	Technology & Design	ICT
6a	Lunch Grab & Go					
	Home Study					





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During the Year 8 Assessment Week, the school day will begin as normal at 8.45am but will finish at 12.35pm to allow for home study in the afternoon. A Grab and Go lunch will be available.

Please Note: There will be **NO** bus transport home should your daughter choose to avail of the opportunity to leave school early.

Your daughter does not have to leave school early during Assessment Week. If she so wishes, your daughter may remain in school until the end of the normal timetabled day, which will enable her to access the normal bus service home from school. A supervised study space will be provided for your daughter during these times allowing her to continue to follow her revision programme.

In the coming weeks, all Key Stage 3 students will have two home learning days. Years 8-10 will be studying at home on Tuesday 24th May to allow for GCSE external examinations to take place for Key Stage 4 students. A further day has been assigned for study during your daughter's Assessment Week; this is indicated on the timetable above.

It is imperative that students understand the importance of subject assessments. To that end, students are expected to study at home so they are fully prepared. All subject teachers have posted revision topics for students on Google Classroom and time will be made available within our Pastoral programme for students to consider how to best revise, looking at a range of study techniques and 'helpful hints'.

Following the assessments, you will receive a report on your daughter's progress. These reports will be posted out at the end of June.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or directly contact your daughter's Form Tutor. All email addresses are available on the school website.

I look forward to a successful period of excellent effort and achievements for all of our Year 8 students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Houston
Assistant Principal

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