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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 Assessment Week – Monday 11 to Friday 15 January 2021

I am writing to draw your attention to the forthcoming Year 8 Assessment Week that is due to take place from Monday 11 to Friday 15 January 2021 and what you can do to support your child to prepare for this.

As you are aware, our Year 8 students will be sitting the new GCSE's when they reach Year 11. These examinations not only have different subject content compared to the old GCSE's, but they also have a greater emphasis on the ability to do well in exam conditions and to remember information.

One way, we believe, to help prepare the students is for them to become familiar with preparing for examinations. They can explore different revision styles, write a revision plan, become familiar with the feeling of sitting examinations and how they can act on the feedback they are given afterwards. I want to reassure you this is not a pass or fail exercise and feedback will be provided by all teachers to students, together with work they will be able to complete to improve their grade in the future.

All subjects will be doing an exam or written assessment with your child during this assessment week. Over the next few school weeks we will be talking to the students about how they can revise and making revision plans. Their subject teachers will provide them with information about which topics they need to revise and the format of the assessment.

It is our expectation that in addition to the homework they are receiving from their usual lessons that they will also be spend time revising for this assessment week.

It is not our intention that students should necessarily be starting to prepare for the assessment week now. Rather, we are letting you know about it so that you and your child are informed and able to prepare effectively as and when you feel it appropriate.

If you have further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me at mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 8