



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 8 Assessment Window – Tuesday 22 November 2022 – Friday 16 December 2022**

I am writing to draw your attention to the forthcoming Year 8 Assessment window that is due to take place from Tuesday 22 November to Friday 16 December and what you can do to support your child to prepare for this.

As you are aware, your child 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 recall information.

We believe that one way 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 window. Over the next few school weeks, we will be talking to the students about how they can revise and how to make revision plans. Their subject teachers will provide them with information about which topics they need to revise and the format of the assessment. I will be providing students with a blank assessment timetable so that they can organise the days and times of their assessments. In addition, to help you support your child at home I will post the revision resources on to the Year 8 Google Classroom. In case your child has not already joined the code is: gai2tml.

It is our expectation that in addition to the homework that your child is receiving from their usual lessons that they will also 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 is appropriate to do so.

If you have further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me at [mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Yours sincerely

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