

Dear Parent / Carer,

Assessment Timetable for Year 8: Monday 19th January – Friday 13th February

As we approach the assessment window, we wanted to take the opportunity to share with you the timetable of assessments that your child will sit during this period. Our assessment period spans four school weeks: **Monday 19th January – Friday 13th February**. Your child will sit assessments to evaluate their progress against our planned curriculum and to identify any areas for curriculum development.

Revision sessions will be taking place in lessons and will continue throughout this period. All revision material will be shared in one place on Showbie so that students do not need to search for revision material and it can be found easily. Your child's Showbie code for the revision area is: **EU6QCR**

Your support in ensuring that your child attends all of their lessons is very much appreciated.

Assessment Calendar:

W/C 19th Jan (B)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Monday	8T/ART 8I/DT 8E Music			8X/DT 8T computer science 8V Music
Tuesday	Science 8S1, 2, 4	8E/Ft Practical 8S Music		Science S3, 5
Wednesday	8S/ART	8X/ART 8V/Ft Practical 8T Music		
Thursday			8S/DT 8X Music	
Friday		Drama- 8S/DR	Drama- 8E/DR	Drama- 8I/DR

W/C 26th Jan (A)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Monday	TRUST INSET			
Tuesday	Maths - all classes	Drama- 8T/DR		
Wednesday	ENGLISH 8E/8S/8V		Drama- 8V/DR 8E French 8V French	
Thursday	ENGLISH 8I / 8T	8I/ART 8T/DT	8X/Ft Practical 8V/DT	8T French
Friday	8E/ART	8V French 8S French		8T/FT Practical 8V/ART

W/C 2nd Feb (B)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Monday	8V computer science			
Tuesday		8E/Ft Socrative Quiz 8I computer science		
Wednesday		8V/ft Socrative Quiz	8E Geography	
Thursday			8T computer science	
Friday	8E History 8T Friday	8V History 8I Geography	8T History 8I History 8S Geography	8S History 8V Geography
W/C 9th Feb (A)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Monday	FEAST DAY			
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday		8X computer science	8E and 8I PE	
Friday	8S computer science 8T and 8V PE			

NB: due to the school being closed to students on Monday 26th January and Monday 9th February, some classes will sit their assessment outside the assessment window:

Assessment date: Monday 12th January 2026

8V Music

8E DT

8I Food Tech

8S Food Tech

If you or your child are unsure about which is their class for each subject, this can be checked in the timetable tab of the Classcharts app.

The assessment information will be shared with parents in the spring term reports to help give an overview of your child's progress.

Revision material will be set as home learning before the assessment window and during the window. Our view is that this additional homework, alongside revision in lessons, will be sufficient for students to begin to learn how best to prepare for assessments. If you

have any questions regarding revision material available for your child, please contact the Head of Faculty for that subject. Their details are below:

- **Maths and Computer Science** - Miss McKenzie – lmckenzie@stives.tpacademytrust.org
- **English** – Mrs Hindle – rhindle@stives.tpacademytrust.org
- **Science** – Mr Haycock – thaycock@stives.tpacademytrust.org
- **Humanities** – Mrs McKinnell – mmckinnell@stives.tpacademytrust.org
- **Creatives** – Mr Everitt – neveritt@stives.tpacademytrust.org
- **Performance** – Mrs Dunn – kdunn@stives.tpacademytrust.org
- **PE** – Mr Jenkins – rjenkins@stives.tpacademytrust.org

Assessments, of any kind, can cause anxiety and stress for students. There are many things that you can do to support their revision and the assessment period itself. Please speak to us at school if you are concerned or need advice; below are some suggestions that can help:

- Work with your child to find what revision style works for them.
- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and to find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Encourage them to take some time after revising to wind down.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Plan a treat or an activity together to mark the end of the exams.
- Set aside one-to-one time so that they can talk to you about any worries.
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage a good bedtime routine.
- Work with them to develop relaxation techniques.
- If anxiety and stress start impacting their day-to-day life, seek help from your GP and please do liaise with our pastoral team.
- Please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor with any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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