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Dear Parent/Carer

Next week (starting 16 October) we have the first Year 8 assessment week, during which all Year 8 students will have the opportunity to show what they have been learning as well as receiving feedback on areas they need to improve.

Following these assessments, you will receive the first report to show you what progress your child is making and how good their attitude towards learning is.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to revise for these assessments and also to arrive at school fully equipped.

To help you understand what the assessments are about, here are some further details:

Science - The assessment is a recap of four of the key topics taught during Year 7; Cells, Particles, Forces and Elements, mixture and compounds. Students should use the resources provided by their teacher to revise for this assessment.

Geography - Students will be assessed on tectonic hazards. They should complete the revision activities set on Google Classroom and the nine markers will be about Haiti.

History - Students should utilise the assessment planning sheet they completed in lesson and revision question handout to prepare for their 'Life in the 1920s USA' assessment.

RE - Students will be completing an assessment on Sikhism which they have been studying since the start of term.

MFL - Assessment hint: 'Always extend your opinion by using 'because' to give a reason for it. This will often involve the words *car/parce que* in French or *denn/weil* in German.

e.g. J'aime le chocolat **car** c'est délicieux.
Ich mag Schokolade **denn** es ist lecker.

IT - The assessment with focus on the areas covered in class since September, including some of the concepts and syntax used by the Python programming language.

PE - Grading is completed using the department's Medal > Elite ladder, each ladder section will have a lower, middle and upper grade score from 1-18. E.g. Medal Middle = 2, Gold Middle = 11 and Elite Upper = 18.



Music - Students have been set a preparation task on Google Classroom to help them prepare for their assessment.

Drama - Students will be assessed on their scripted performance of an extract from Blood Brothers as well as script analysis and performance skills

We wish the best of luck to all the Year 8s. If there are any questions about these assessments, students should talk to their class teacher for further information.

Yours sincerely

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