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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 8 Assessment Week 4 - 10 January 2017**

I am writing to draw your attention to the Year 8 Assessment Week, due to take place from 4 to 10 January 2017, and what you can do to support your child in preparing for this.

Your son/daughter will be sitting the new GCSEs that have recently been introduced when they reach Year 11. These examinations not only have different subject content compared to the old GCSEs but also place a greater emphasis on performance in examinations and on the ability to recall information.

One way, we believe, to help prepare students for these is for them to become familiar with preparing for examinations so that 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.

Most subjects will be doing an examination or written assessment with your child during this assessment week and they will take place in their normal lessons and rooms for those subjects. Subject teachers have been talking to the students about how they can revise and making revision plans. Subject teachers will also provide them with information about which topics they need to revise and the format of the assessment.

In addition, some simple guidance on how to revise over the Christmas holiday period follows at the end of this letter.

If you have further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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