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Re: CCh/LT

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Dear Parents

As you may be aware from the school calendar, the Year 8 Assessment Week begins on Monday 24 January 2022. All assessments will take place in classrooms and will be approximately 45 minutes long. Students that normally have extra support and access arrangements in class will receive these as their normal way of working in the classroom.

Please find attached a timetable for these assessments, which will also be provided to the students themselves so that they are aware of what assessments they have on each day. Please note that, due to the distribution of lessons across the 2-week timetable, some assessments may be held in the following week: this will be made clear on the timetable.

All students will also be provided with advice and guidance on how to prepare for the assessments from their subject teachers both in lessons and on Google Classroom to help them prepare.

These are an important set of assessments for allowing us to see how students are managing the demands of the Year 8 curriculum and the progress they are making. It also allows class teachers to identify any gaps in learning from previous school closures and to plan to address these gaps.

Your support and encouragement in helping your child to be successful in these assessments is appreciated. You can help them by:

- encouraging good sleep habits;
- ensuring they eat healthily and get exercise and fresh air;
- working with them to set up positive routines with their revision using their knowledge organiser.

Pupils will be assessed on content from current Year 8 topics but also content studied in Year 7. All this content is detailed your child's knowledge organiser; and any old knowledge organisers from last year can also be used for revision so please don't throw them away. Examples of how to revise are shown in the front pages of the knowledge organiser, which help pupils to be active in their revision and retrieve information to consolidate their learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Headteacher

