

End of year assessments

Year 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about our KS3 assessment period that is starting from 7th May until 7th June.

As part of our curriculum work over the last two years, departments have been re-designing their curricula. As part of this work, departments have been looking at the most useful ways to assess student progress in their subjects over time to help inform the feedback and termly reporting we make during the year to students and families. Details of these assessments have been shared throughout the year with students in their Learning Journeys which are provided to all students in all subjects. We have also made these available to parents and families on our school website.

As part of the assessment procedures, some departments have planned for students in KS3 to have an end of year exam which will take place during this four week assessment period. These exams will take into account a range of knowledge and skills acquired across the year. All other subjects will still continue to assess the progress of students in their subject in line with those planned assessments on students' Learning Journeys and so **will not be having a specific end of year assessment**.

Details of all assessments, including these end of year assessments, are shared with all students. We are providing details to parents of these end of year assessments below as they are not provided in Learning Journeys so that you can support your child in preparing for these. Details are provided below:

Subject	Topics to be included in end of year assessment
Maths	<p>This will consist of one exam paper. Some classes will be given an extension paper and classroom teachers will let students know if they will be completing this paper.</p> <p>Based on the green learning journeys from the beginning of the year (excluding data and averages, standard form, angles and Pythagoras) therefore including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ratio- Fractions and Decimals- Cartesian Plane- Probability- Algebra- Area of shapes- Volumes, Nets and Surface Area
French	This will consist of three separate exam papers.

	All topics from Year 8 Term 1a-2b will be covered and a focus on 3 skills (Listening, Speaking and Reading) for single linguists and 2 skills for dual linguists.
Spanish	This will consist of three separate exam papers. All topics from Year 8 Term 1a-2b will be covered and a focus on 3 skills (Listening, Speaking and Reading) for single linguists and 2 skills for dual linguists.

All assessments will happen in class and so dates of these exams will be provided by individual teachers to their classes to match with their timetabled lessons. Students will be asked to write these details in their planners.

Students with specific support arrangements will be given this support during their assessments in the same way they currently do with any other planned assessment.

If you should need any further information for a specific subject, please contact us at Infor@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk detailing which subject you need support from.

Kind regards

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