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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 8 Assessments**

I am writing to make you aware of our first round of formal assessments for students in Year 8 which will take place during the week beginning Monday 23 February. This round of formal assessments is exceptionally important, and it is crucial that your child revises for these and takes them seriously. Formal assessments are a way for teachers to identify what students are able to do and, more importantly, any gaps in their learning. This allows our teachers to work with students to ensure that any learning gaps are addressed.

Students will have an assembly on Monday 9 February to explain how assessment week will work, go through the timetable and reiterate the importance of working hard for these. Following this assembly, students will have tutor sessions in which they learn various different study skills to support them with their revision.

We would be grateful if you could please speak to your child about these important assessments, encouraging them to complete all of their homework and take the time to revise, enabling them to perform well and achieve marks of which they can be proud.

Yours Sincerely,

*L. Hallam*

Liam Hallam  
Lead Practitioner for Assessments