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Dear Parents / Guardians

I am writing to inform you of an important period which is coming up for all Year 8 students. If you were able to attend the Year 8 Briefing Evening at the start of the school year, you may remember that I spoke about the Year 8 Assessment fortnight scheduled to start immediately after the February half term break.

Throughout the fortnight commencing Monday 20th February, all Year 8 students will be completing assessments in each of their subjects. Most subjects will be assessing students through a mixture of in-class tests or other forms of continuous assessment. However, the following subjects have decided to assess their students through a formal examination style test: Mathematics, Science, first Foreign Language and Geography.

We have chosen to schedule these tests at this time because it marks the halfway point in Key Stage 3 and this will therefore give students and their teachers some very helpful indicators of current performance in relation to the targets that they have been set for the end of Key Stage 3 at the end of Year 9.

I know that you will want to support your child in these assessments and I would like to ask you to reinforce the key messages that I have been giving to the students, firstly that they should be taking on board all the guidance and advice that their teachers are giving them and secondly, having the correct stationery and equipment are vital components to success in any form of assessment.

For your information the dates of the formal assessments are given below:

Friday 24th February:
Mathematics test 1 (Non-calculator)
Science
First Foreign Language

Monday 27th February:
Geography
Mathematics test 2 (Calculator)

Should you have any queries regarding the forthcoming assessment fortnight, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr. C. Walsh
Head of Key Stage 3

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