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13th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

CHRISTMAS ASSESSMENT WEEK: 30th NOVEMBER – 4th DECEMBER 2026 (Year 8)

From Monday 30th November, all students will be following a bespoke timetable for their Christmas Assessments (AP1). The school day will start at the usual time of 8.35am with students expected to arrive at 8.30am. Rather than attending lessons, the day is then divided into three 1.5-hour slots during which students will either complete exams in their form rooms or participate in a daily carousel in specialist subjects. The final session finishes as usual at 3pm and students will be dismissed from their final exam of the day at this time.

Timings of the Day:
8.35am-9.00am: **Registration for Session One**
9.00am-10.30am: **Session One**
10.30am-11.00am: **BREAK**
11.00am-11.15am: **Registration for Session Two**
11.15am-12.45pm: **Session Two**
12.45pm-1.15pm: **LUNCH**
1.15pm-1.30pm: **Registration for Session Three**
1.30pm-3.00pm: **Session Three**
3.00pm: **DISMISSAL**

Please see the final examination timetable for your child overleaf. All students are required to bring their **PE kit** with them to school on days which are timetabled for this – these will be different days to usual. Y8 students will also be attending their end of term reward trip on the Wednesday of this week and permission letters for this will be sent out separately. Please do note that on **Friday 4th December, school will finish at the end of lunchtime.** This will mean **all** students who are on site will be dismissed at **1.15pm**.

These assessments will be used to assess whether your child is making expected progress and are an important opportunity to show what they have learned in their subject areas. Please do support your child with organising their revision by using the topic lists and consolidation booklets provided to give them the greatest chance of success in these assessments.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms E Connolly
Lead Deputy Headteacher – Quality of Education