

Dear Parents,

In the week beginning the 24th June students in the Lower School will be taking their end of year examinations. The time table is such that the examinations will take place on Monday – Wednesday; on Thursday students will be doing an activity day and on Friday Year 8, 7BH and 7AH will be doing the Science Fair and other Year 7 classes will be doing a Science based activity.

We are very aware that examinations can be a cause for worry and anxiety in our students so whilst we do want to give them the practice and see how much they have learnt this year, this week should not be seen as being under pressure and the results will be seen as one more piece of the data we have been collecting this year.

The week is very much about becoming familiar with the exam papers and the style of writing needed to answer each question. With this in mind we have been teaching the students the requirements of each exam and in the case of English, the students have seen the exam paper so they can work on preparing good, detailed answers.

Please do support your child in preparing for these examinations so that they can feel confident and ready to tackle the papers. They can practise answers at home and learn them. In terms of the poetry, students need to know the poems as they will not have copies in the exam; this is to build the students' ability to learn information which will be vital at GCSE.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Davies. I know the students in Lower School will work hard and we are looking forward to seeing them being very successful and confident in examination week.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Swinnerton

Deputy Principal
Head of Lower School

Year 8 Exam Week – June 2019

	Monday 24 th June	Tuesday 25 th June	Wednesday 26 th June
Periods 1 & 2	English Reading	English Writing	Science
Periods 3 & 4	Poetry	Spelling Maths (Non-Calculator)	Maths (Calculator)
Adv & P5	Access Reading	Unseen Poetry	

Mobile phones are NOT permitted in the exams. If left in your bag they MUST be switched OFF.

Equipment needed for exams – either in your hand or a CLEAR pencil case

- Black pen (and a spare)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- Pair of mathematical compasses

Students must also have a reading book or a small colouring book and colouring pencils with them in each exam