



20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Year 8 Assessment

I am writing to you to let you know how we are planning to continue to assess and monitor student academic progress during the Summer and Autumn terms this year.

Due to our current mode of Guided Distance Learning we are no longer holding our scheduled Internal Examination Week (1st-5th June 2020). However, students will still be given the opportunity to demonstrate their level of attainment and the progress that they are making in each subject, as part of normal online lessons in June. Students will be set an assessment task in each of their subjects that will be completed in class time and graded in accordance with our normal assessment policy: as such, they will form part of the discussion in the end of year reports and grade sheets that are issued. To clarify, these are not formal 'exams' and will not require substantial additional revision by the students. Any preparation recommended by teachers will be clearly signposted on Google Classroom and will form part of the normal course-of-study.

We will also ask all students in Year 8 to sit an online CAT4 Progress Test in English, Maths and Science. The tests will take place on Tuesday 9th June and will replace normal lessons for that day. Again, these tests do not require revision: they are part of our internal monitoring and a useful way of assessing student progress in core skills in these subjects. Further information will follow about arrangements for the day after the half-term break.

Looking forward, we will plan for all students to sit a more formal assessment in each subject during our normal Assessment Week, scheduled to take place in the week commencing 12th October.

I hope this information is helpful and gives you a good idea of the approach we are taking towards assessment and towards monitoring your child's academic progress at this time.

If you have any queries, please contact Jenny Powlesland (jennypowlesland@leightonpark.com) or Karen Gracie-Langrick (karengracie-langrick@leightonpark.com).

Best wishes,

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