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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to outline the arrangements for Year 8 summer assessments and to provide some clarity around how these will support pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

We work in close partnership with Thomas Alleyne's High School and the other local middle schools to ensure that the assessment process is both fair and consistent for all pupils. The assessments used are set by the high school and are the same across all three middle schools. Once completed, outcomes are moderated across schools to ensure accuracy and consistency.

For pupils transferring to schools other than Thomas Alleyne's, the information gathered through these assessments, alongside the wider picture of each pupil's learning, is used to provide receiving schools with an accurate understanding of attainment and progress.

This year, the assessment arrangements for Year 8 are as follows:

Subject	Arrangement	Date	Contact
English	The transfer test will include a reading comprehension task and a piece of non-fiction writing. Our topic this term of 'Dystopian fiction' will support the knowledge and skills needed for the assessment. No specific revision is required; however, homework will be planned to support the key skills needed for the assessment.	Week of: 1 st June	Mrs Brookes v.brookes2@i2e.org.uk
Maths	Throughout the year, pupils complete assessments in October, December, March and May. Each assessment consists of one paper based on the Year 8 curriculum content taught up to that point. Revision should focus on previously covered learning, and homework will be tailored to strengthen understanding of the key areas being assessed.	Week of: 1 st June	Mr Thomas r.thomas@i2e.org.uk
Science	For Science, the final Year 8 assessment accounts for 2/3 of the overall outcome. This will be combined with the Year 7 assessment, which has already been completed, and contributes the remaining 1/3. Revision guidance has already been shared with both pupils and parents. Additional revision opportunities will be made available to all pupils.	Week of: 1 st June	Mr Jones g.jones@i2e.org.uk
Geography	The assessment will include a series of short questions based on Geography topics covered in Years 7 and 8. These will assess both source analysis and geographical knowledge. Teachers will provide revision topics and guidance in class.	Week of: 1 st June	Mr Warham d.warham@i2e.org.uk
History	Pupils will complete an essay-question assessment on topics studied in History this year. Their teacher will share, explain and provide revision material for the topic in advance.	Week of: 1 st June	Mr Warham d.warham@i2e.org.uk
French	Pupils will complete assessments in writing, listening and reading. The writing assessment will focus on their accurate use of French tenses, verbs and spelling patterns. In class guidance and homework will reflect the requirements of the assessment.	Week of: 1 st June	Mrs Bould k.bould@i2e.org.uk

I do hope that this information is helpful, however, if you have any questions, please do contact us.

Best Wishes,

Mr R Newton
Head of School