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RE: YEAR 8 END OF YEAR EXAMS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of year exams will take place from Tuesday 3 June to Friday 6 June. This provides a good opportunity to review and consolidate what the students have learnt over the course of the year, and to prepare and practise for external exams later on.

There will be no lessons on those days and each day will be split into three exam sessions. Each session will be spent on one particular subject. The exam sessions are 1 hour 50 minutes long (the equivalent of two regular lessons) and most will include a short supervised revision session, followed by an exam lasting around 1 hour. The final exam on Friday will be completed by breaktime. During lessons 3 and 4, the students will be with their form tutors and involved in a PE lesson, so please remind them to bring in their PE kit for this session. Also, all the students in Key Stage 3 will be involved in an end of exam activity on Friday afternoon.

The exam timetable for Year 8 follows on the next page. This shows which subjects will feature on each day, so that students can plan their final revision carefully. Subject teachers are working on revision activities in class and for homework, and support from parents at home is very valuable. I have set out some suggestions of how to help below.

HOW TO HELP WITH REVISION AT HOME

- Make sure your son or daughter has a quiet and uncluttered space to revise, free of music and other distractions
- Encourage them to revise actively – making mindmaps and other graphical notes, making and using flashcards, perhaps recording their notes and playing them back – just reading isn't revision!
- Help to make a revision schedule, fitting around family activities. Make sure they don't spend too long on one subject (30-40 minutes at a time is usually about right), and that they include all their subjects, not just their favourite ones.
- Ask them to explain what they are revising to you – keep asking Why? What? Who? How? When? Where? questions, but especially Why? questions.
- Help them to get lots of sleep, eat well, drink lots of water and stay positive!

If you have any queries about any aspect of the exam process, please get in touch with me (a-lancaster@bisspuxi.com).

With all best wishes,

Andrew Lancaster
Head of Key Stage 3



YEAR 8 END OF YEAR EXAM TIMETABLE

Tuesday 3 June	
8:50am-10:40am	Mathematics Paper 1
11:00am-12:50pm	History
1:45pm-3:35pm	Science

Wednesday 4 June	
8:50am-10:40am	Computing Science
11:00am-12:50pm	Mathematics Paper 2
1:45pm-3:35pm	Language Option – Reading

Thursday 5 June	
8:50am-10:40am	English
11:00am-12:50pm	Geography
1:45pm-3:35pm	Mandarin

Friday 6 June	
8:50am-10:40am	Language Option – Writing
11:00am-12:50pm	Form Time and PE lesson
1:45pm-3:35pm	KS3 end of exam activity