



Mathematics & Computing Academy

Headteacher: Mrs M John

December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are approaching the end of the first term, I would like to share with you important information about the Year 8 exams.

Exams will run from 29.4.2024 – 10.5.2024, please see the attached timetable for each teaching group. The three science subjects will be tested in two separate papers, each paper testing what students have studied in all three sciences. Paper 1 will focus on short answer responses while Paper 2 will ask for more extended answers.

This is an ideal time for us to formally assess students on what they have studied in terms 1 and 2 and ensure support is provided to students in their transition to Year 9, when they will select their option subjects for GCSE.

These exams will be taken in normal lessons under formal exam conditions. This is to provide the opportunity for students to become acquainted with the rules and expectations of public exams.

Students will be preparing for these exams in lesson, during tutor time but also during regular, independent study time at home. Students are encouraged to incorporate a revision timetable into the homework timetable.

In terms of revision materials, I suggest the following:

- Memrise, Duolingo, Linguascope for French/Spanish
- Mathswatch
- Reading a range of books and newspaper articles for English
- BBC Bitesize website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>) which has a range of subject information, tasks and revision quizzes to prepare students for the remaining subjects.

Please note that students will not be provided with specific topic revision lists. Students are tested on all the topics studied between September 2023 and April 2024. A copy of the curriculum map and learning journey for each subject, which list all topics studied and in which order, is available on our website: <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/subjects/>.

Results of these exams will be formally shared in the Progress Update 3 report at the end of the academic year, although teachers will share results with students prior to this in lessons, once all exams for a subject have been marked and moderated.

We recognise that the exam period can be worrying and stressful for students and your child's wellbeing is our main priority. Please contact your child's tutor or year team if you have any concerns.

I hope these exams will be a valuable experience for your child and I wish them every success.

Yours faithfully,

Ms D Kohls  
Deputy Headteacher

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# YEAR 8 EXAM TIMETABLE FOR ALL TEACHING GROUPS

8w1	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1	Maths						Science Paper 1	English		
2				IT						
3			French		Drama				History	
4		RPE					Geography			Science Paper 2
5				Art						
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

8w2	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1	Maths				RPE		English	Science Paper 2		Geography
2									Drama	
3			Art	History						
4										
5		Science Paper 1	IT		Spanish					
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

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8x1	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1		English	Drama	Geography						Maths
2	Art									
3							French	Science Paper 1		
4	History									
5					IT				RPE	Science Paper 2
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

8x2	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1					IT					Maths
2	Spanish	Science Paper 1	English							
3				Geography						
4										RPE
5		Drama					Science Paper 2	Art	History	
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

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1								History		IT
2			Drama	Geography						
3							RPE	English	Science Paper 2	
4	Art	Maths		French	Science Paper 1					
5										
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

8y2	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1			Science Paper 1				Spanish	Geography		RPE
2										
3				History	IT				Science Paper 2	
4		Maths								
5	Drama		English						Art	
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

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1		RPE		IT	Maths					
2			Art							
3									Geography	
4										
5	Science Paper 1	History			French		English	Science Paper 2		Drama
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

8z2	A Mon	A Tue	A Wed	A Thu	A Fri	B Mon	B Tue	B Wed	B Thu	B Fri
1					Maths			History		
2		Science Paper 1							IT	
3			Geography							
4	Drama				Art					
5				Spanish			English	RPE		Science Paper 2
	29.4.24	30.4.24	1.5.24	2.5.24	3.5.24	BH	7.5.24	8.5.24	9.5.24	10.5.24

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