



14th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Mid KS3 Exams

I would like to draw to your attention that students in Year 8 will be sitting their Mid Key Stage Three exams the fortnight beginning 3rd March. I would like to share this information with you so that students can begin to prepare for these exams.

The exams will take place during lessons in all subjects and individual departments will inform students of the final details of how and when the exams will take place. The rationale for undertaking Mid Key Stage Three exams is as follows:

- Provide students with an opportunity of revisiting prior learning from KS3
- Provide students with the opportunity of sitting a formal test
- Provide students, parents and teachers a relevant grade that shows student progress in each subject
- Practice revision skills
- Provide opportunities for reflection post exams to consider WWW/EBI
- Begin preparing students for a GCSE style exam process

Warlingham School has created a website that has a large amount of information on how students can revise. This is also useful for parents and carers who wish to offer support. The link to the website is <http://www.warlinghamtl.co.uk/>.

Tutors will be working with their tutees focussing on TOPR strategies over the coming few weeks. On the website mentioned above, there are many strategies. For Year 8 we are focussing on just three:

- Revision Timetable
- Blank Page Retrieval
- Flash Cards

Departments will be placing revision materials on Student Room which is accessible via the school website under Students. Please note that you will need your child to login to access this using their usual school login.

Departments will indicate on Satchel One which lesson students will sit their exam over the fortnight. We are directing students to the following website to help with creating a revision timetable.

[Revision Timetable Maker / Study Planner \(getrevising.co.uk\)](http://www.getrevising.co.uk)

As a guideline, students should revise for on average one hour a day in the lead up to their exams. Please note some departments may set revision as homework. This homework should be included in the recommended revision time. The results of the assessments will be shared with students and parents after the Easter break.

We are aware that some students find assessments stressful. If there are concerns, please ask students to discuss this with their tutor to receive support. Likewise, if you have any concerns, please contact the tutor in the first instance.

I hope that you find this information useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tucker'.

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