

10th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 End of Year Assessments

In the week commencing 13th June, Year 8 students will complete mend of year assessments for each of the subjects they study. Staff will prepare students in lessons prior to the assessments and will set homework that supports your child in preparing for these assessments.

In preparation for these assessments a support booklet has been created for parents, carers and students. The booklet has been attached with this document. The support booklet provides information to parents, carers and students regarding the content and length of the assessment, as well as links to revision and support, to enable each student to prepare. Students will be assessed on what they have learnt in their lessons at the Academy and the knowledge organisers will be a useful revision tool to support the students.

Due to the hall being in use for GCSE and A level examinations, all subject assessments will take place in the classroom. As always, attendance will be important across the assessment week to ensure students are not under additional pressure to catch up missed assessments alongside their learning.

The results of the end of year assessments will be used to re-set students for core subjects, as well as inform teaching and intervention. Set changes will take place for September of Year 9. The results of the assessments will be shared with parents via reports. The report will outline the % score your child achieved in their end of year assessment for each subject, along with the average % score of the year group. This will allow you and your child to understand how they are performing in comparison to their peers. There will be a parents evening on Wednesday 6 July to discuss how you can support your child to maximise their progress.

Please be reassured that staff will remind students, that while they should prepare for their assessments so they feel confident, they should not put any undue pressure on themselves. The purpose of the assessment is to ensure students are in the most appropriate teaching group, that will support them to maximise their progress.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on tracie.deane@thebourneacademy.com

Yours sincerely,

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