

# Year 8

## Rank Order Assessment



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# Welcome

# Coming up ....

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17<sup>th</sup> November

Y8 Assembly

Parent & Student Support Guide

23<sup>rd</sup> November – 11<sup>th</sup> December

P6 and P0 revision events

30<sup>th</sup> November – 11<sup>th</sup> December

Rank Order Assessments

# What is Rank Order Assessment?

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- ROA is the process of assessing students through formalised tests and then ranking them from top to bottom performer in each subject and overall
- Each time ROA takes place, students will be able to see how many places up or down the rank they individually have moved
- The overall rank will be used to stream students in subjects allowing staff to provide the required support so all students make excellent progress

# Why do we do Rank Order Assessments?

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- We are constantly looking for ways to help students achieve fantastic outcomes and to boost motivation
- Some of the countries top performing schools use rank order assessments as they have found it is one of the most effective ways of doing this
- Initial concerns are always about potentially demotivating those lower in the list
- When these concerns are overcome rank order becomes a piece of useful information to know
- Rank order, far from being demotivating in any way, gives students the opportunity to see how hard work pays off and students are constantly trying to improve their own previous position competing with themselves

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- As you may be aware GCSE is basically a large scale rank order. Students are given a grade based on where they sit within a huge distribution curve
- At the end of Year 11, students are ranked nationally in all subjects they do E.g. 1 to 30,000 in English – the top 3% secure a Grade 9 and so on
- We think students (and parents) have a right to know where they sit within a rank order BEFORE the end of Year 11
- We have therefore brought rank order assessments into our schools to give the students the opportunity to tell them where they are heading when there is still time to do something about it and improve

# When will 'Rank Order' take place at KS3?

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Rank Order Assessment will take place five times throughout Key Stage 3

1. Summer Yr. 7
2. Autumn HT2 Yr. 8
3. Summer Yr. 8
4. Spring Yr. 9
5. Summer Yr. 9

# How can you support with 'Rank Order' at home?

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- 100% Attendance – A student who is in school and learning will have access to the whole curriculum and there will not be gaps in their knowledge
- Homework completion – Homework consolidates the knowledge and understanding that has taken place in lessons, allowing students to practice, independently, the skills that are needed for success
- Make sure that all 'Equipment' is brought to every lesson, every day
- Encourage participation and attendance at P0 and P6 revision sessions
- Encouraging reading for pleasure – improved reading ages means a better comprehension of the questions asked of them
- Working through the ROA information and support guide for students and parents. This document details the topics and resources needed to be successful in the assessments. Use these as a guide to help revisit topics and use as a checklist to be prepared. Ask questions always.



# What will the upcoming Rank Order Assessments look like?

- Assessments will be sat in classrooms as usual, between 30th November – 11th December
- Below is an example of a Year 8 Rank Order Assessment timetable
- Students will receive their personalised exam timetable in DEAR time tomorrow
- Alongside their exam timetable, students will receive a booklet containing support pages from each subject that give details of each exam, the topic areas covered and where students can access further support

## 8AG1

8AG1	Period 1 9:15-10:10	Period 2 10:30-11:25	Period 3 11:25-12:20	Period 4 12:20-13:15	Period 5 14:15-15:10
Monday 30 Nov			English 1		
Tuesday 1 Dec	Art				
Wednesday 2 Dec	English 2				Science
Thursday 3 Dec	Geography		Technology		
Friday 4 Dec	History				

  

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Monday 7 Dec					RE
Tuesday 8 Dec	Dance				
Wednesday 9 Dec					Spanish
Thursday 10 Dec	Maths 1			Music	
Friday 11 Dec	Maths 2				

# What will the upcoming Rank Order Assessments look like?

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- Assessments will be based on the work the students have been completing in their subjects
- Assessments provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt – we want them to enjoy the process and be proud of the knowledge they have acquired

# What revision support is available?

Date	PO 8.00 - 8.30 am	P6 3.45 - 4.30 pm (delivered via TEAMS)
Monday 23rd November		English - Shakespeare
Tuesday 24th November		Geography
Wednesday 25th November		English - Writing
Thursday 26th November		
Friday 27th November		Science
Monday 30th November	Music	Spanish
Tuesday 1st December	Spanish / Science	Science
Wednesday 2nd December	History	
Thursday 3rd December		Religious Studies
Friday 4th December	Religious Studies	
Monday 7th December		
Tuesday 8th December		Maths
Wednesday 9th December		Maths
Thursday 10th December		

# How else can my child prepare for the Rank Order Assessments?

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- We would like to encourage students to use their subject Knowledge Organisers – they are already very familiar with these and they contain the core knowledge studied in their subjects

Embedding knowledge in the long-term memory helps with the following:

- **Being able to recall specifics related to a subject**
- **Helps get into a habit of being disciplined with self-testing**
- **Will support with exam questions and preparing for GCSEs/ A Levels**

Strategies that can be used to self-quiz from the Knowledge Organiser are:

- Look – cover – write – check
- Turn what is on the knowledge organiser into a question e.g. a key word and definition turned into a question
- Blank out sections to create own gap fill

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- Strategies for revising effectively:
  - Flashcards
  - Retrieval Practice
  - Interleaving and Spacing
  - Dual Coding

# In Summary

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- If everyone buys into the process, rank ordering is an incredibly motivational tool
- There is a lot of support on offer to help students prepare for these assessments
- Students should utilise this support
- Assessments will take place 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Based on their performance students will be put into new streams after Christmas

# Thank you

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- Thank you for joining us this evening and thank you for the questions you have sent into the chat function during the event
- I will now pass you over to Joanne Booler, Assistant Principal for Assessment, Data and Exams, who will endeavour to answer the questions you have submitted