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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware Year 8 students will soon sit their end of year internal examinations, known at HGS as “Finals” and they give students and parents an update of how well they have done in their first year. These grades will appear on their end of year report and are issued in the form of GCSE numbered grades, from 9 – 1. However, it is important to note that they are just an indication of how well they have done and should not, at this early stage, be treated as definite prediction of their future success in these subjects. We are a long way off that.

Whilst the grades they achieve are important it is crucial that students use all the assessments they have completed this year as learning event in their school journey and use them to find out what they don't know and seek guidance to improve their skills and knowledge of the school curriculum.

Year 8 Finals will begin on Monday 13 May, and it will be an intense week for students because all the exams occur during that week. The exceptions to this are Art, as these grades will be taken from their continual assessment in this subject from the pieces they have produced during the year, and Music & Drama who will conduct their exams in a different week and students will be informed of this in their classes.

Students will attend their usual lessons throughout the week, but they will all take their subject finals at the same time. For example, if you study the timetable, on Monday Period 1, 8.1 have Maths with Mr Fraser, but in this lesson, they will sit their English exam.

Please be aware that the teaching groups are not in numerical order at the top of the page

Please take the time to read through the schedule with your child, the columns indicate the different classes, and the exams are in red underneath each period.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 8 students the best of luck for their finals, they have worked very hard this year and are an absolute credit to the school and its 125-year heritage.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tipler  
Deputy Head Teacher