



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, our Year 8 students will soon be sitting their end-of-year internal examinations, known at HGS as the “Finals.” These assessments provide both students and parents with a helpful update on progress made during their first year of secondary school.

The grades achieved will appear on students' end-of-year reports and will be issued in the form of GCSE-style numbered grades (from 9 to 1). However, it is important to note that these results are only an early indication of attainment and **should not be seen as a prediction** of future GCSE outcomes – we are still at the very beginning of their secondary education journey.

While the grades do hold value, what's more important is how students engage with the process. Each assessment should be viewed as a **learning opportunity**: a chance for students to identify areas they find challenging and to seek guidance in strengthening their understanding of the school curriculum.

The Year 8 Finals will begin on **Monday 18 May**, and all subject exams will take place during that week. It will be an intense but rewarding period for students, as all exams are scheduled within this timeframe. There are a few exceptions:

- **Drama** exams will take place during lesson times either side of Finals week.
- **Art** will be assessed based on students' ongoing work throughout the year.

Students will follow their usual timetable throughout the week. However, during each lesson slot, they will sit the designated subject exam – not necessarily the subject they usually study in that period. For example:

- On **Monday Period 1**, all Year 7 students will take their **Geography exam (as denoted in bold at the top of the column)** regardless of their usual lesson at that time. So, 8.1 normally have English, however, whilst they will go to their English lesson, they will sit their Geography exam. 8.5 have Physics but they will sit their English exam in their Physics lesson etc.
- Period 3 on Monday all students go to their usual lesson, but 8a/Mu1 who have their drama lesson will sit their Drama exam with Miss Gibb.
- Period 2 all students will sit their MFL exam – either French or Spanish in whatever lesson they have.

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	A Mon:1	A Mon:2	A Mon:3	A Mon:4	A Mon:5
	GEOGRAPHY EXAM	MFL EXAM			P.E & R EXAM
8a	8.1/En KHH S024	8.1/Fr CMG A101	8a/Ar3 HKW S103	8.1/Ma SLE P204	8.1/Gg AMD F007
	8.2/En S017	8.2/Cs LBM B106	8a/Dr2 JET B002	8.2/Hi RNO F110	8.2/Pr JDR C013
			8a/Mu1 PGB S002		
8b	8.3/En WDE S022	8.3/Ph HAH C109	8.3/Pr DCA C012	8b/Ar3 JRI S103	8.3/Fr ASE A102
	8.4/Bi SJE C201	8.4/Sp MTA A105	8.4/Gg AMD F007	8b/Dr2 CVH B002	8.4/Ma SBI P104
				8b/Mu1 PGB S002	
8c	8.5/Ph SMN C207	8.5/Pr AMD C013	8.5/En S017	8.5/Bi KFD C205	8.5/Sp MTA A105
	8.6/Ch GSS C101	8.6/Ma WSR P105	8.6/Gg JPW F005	8.6/Sp JMG A106	8.6/En HKN S018
8d	8.7/Pd ASE A102	8.7/Cs PRM B109	8.7/En DWS S023	8.7/Bi CLW C206	8.7/Ma AEL P002

Please take the time to review the attached exam schedule with your child. The timetable lists all Year 8 classes, with the subject of each exam clearly marked in red beneath the relevant period.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 8 students the very best of luck in their Finals. They have worked incredibly hard this year and are an absolute credit to the school and its proud 128-year heritage.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Richard Tipler
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