



## Duke's Secondary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Progress Assessment Week

Our first set of Progress Assessment weeks for this academic year are taking place from the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Please see the timetables overleaf which show exactly when each assessment for each year group will take place.

Years 8 and 9 will have sat these style of tests twice during the previous academic year and should now be familiar with the process. For Year 7 students, the tests will be different to what they are used to, with each test being taken in our examination hall under full exam conditions. Students have been provided with revision materials and knowledge organisers for each subject in which they will be sitting a test. They will be expected to use these materials to revise and prepare for the tests.

Revision can be a daunting task for children of any age, so in order to provide some support, here is a link to our website for a guide on how to use our school's **Learn > Revise > Test** approach to effective revision <https://dukes.ncea.org.uk/revision-support-for-ks3-progress-tests/>

The main idea behind these assessments is to ensure that students experience as much practice as possible in the sitting of controlled tests, so that by the time they come to sit their final exams at the end of Year 11, they are familiar and confident in the examination and revision process and are in a position to perform to their potential.

The results of these assessments will also help to inform the school of the progress of the students in key subjects and will help us to ensure that they are receiving the correct provision and support. Results of the tests will be reported to parents after each of the assessment periods. Outcomes may result in some students moving classes to ensure that they are receiving the correct levels of support.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Principal



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**Year 7**

Date	Period	Exam
26/02/24	5	Science
27/02/24	4	English Reading
28/02/24	2	Maths (7X only)
	4	Maths (7Y only)
01/03/24	2	English Writing

**Year 8**

Date	Period	Exam
27/02/24	1	Science
	5	English Reading
28/02/24	3	Maths
29/02/24	1	English Writing

**Year 9**

Date	Period	Exam
26/02/24	2	English Reading
	4	History
27/02/24	3	Maths
28/02/24	5	Chemistry
29/02/24	3	English Writing
	5	Biology
01/03/24	1	French
	3	Physics