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Year 8 Exam Period: 24th February - 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As shared in the school calendar, this year's Year 8 exam period will take place after half-term, from Monday 24th February to Friday 7th March. Please find attached the timetable of exams and an overview document providing details, for each subject, of the content being assessed, the format of the exam(s) and suggested revision strategies. All exams will take place in classrooms during lesson times, with regular timetabled lessons occurring as normal around the exams. Students should make sure that they are fully prepared for their exams with all the necessary equipment as given in the school equipment list. Students recognised by the Learning Support Department as requiring additional time or support will have this allocated to them in class.

The aim of the exams is to enable the monitoring of learning and progress so that teaching can be adapted in response to how students have performed. Students' performance will be discussed with them in lessons following their exams and will be reported formally to parents in the school report to be published at the end of term. To be able to perform at their best in these exams, students will need to engage with revision in line with the advice given to them in lessons (also summarised in the attached exam overview sheet). Teachers will continue to discuss revision strategies in class and offer guidance on how students can best prepare for their exams. Organisation and preparation can be helpful in reducing possible anxieties that students may have, and research indicates that doing small amounts of regular revision in the run-up to the exam period is more beneficial than large amounts of work the night before each exam.

If you have any questions regarding individual subjects or exams, please contact your child's subject teachers directly through the school admin email address: admin@kls.herts.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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