



Year 8 Trial Exams

The week commencing Monday 2nd March is Year 8 Trial Exams week. This means that all Year 8 pupils will be sitting examinations to help prepare them for the summer exams in June. The exams themselves will run from Monday to Thursday and the attached timetable shows that almost all of these are in the mornings, with occasional revision time during the day and no prep set for this week.

These exams are for practice. The intention is that the Year 8 pupils will learn from them about the experience of sitting an exam and therefore know what to expect in the summer. Accordingly, the exams will all be in the Centenary Hall and will all begin earlier than the usual school day (8.35am or 8.30am on Wednesday 4th March). The Year 8 pupils will also be able to revise ahead of time and will be doing a certain amount in lessons. We would advise perhaps two hours' revision a day if possible during half term but for the week after half term we would suggest half an hour of revision a day. However, holiday time and rest and recuperation are also essential! Revision material for all subjects has been uploaded to a Google site: <https://sites.google.com/deanclose.org.uk/dcpsrevision/year-8>. Pupils will need to sign in with their Dean Close email address to access these materials.

During exam week sports matches will be as usual and normal lessons will resume after the final exam on Thursday.

We hope the materials provided by Heads of Department will prove useful. Please do feel free to ask any question about the process: our aim is to make these examinations helpful to children, rather than intimidating. We then have the opportunity to discuss results and the best ways to help your children make further progress in the summer exams.

Any queries, please contact Mr Donnelly, Director of Studies, kdonnelly@deanclose.org.uk