



15 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 8 Assessment Fortnight 1 and Mock Options Selection

### Assessment Fortnight 1

I am writing to draw your attention to the upcoming Assessment Fortnight for Year 8 from Tuesday 9 January to Friday 19 January 2024.

As part of our monitoring and tracking all students at Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form undergo two formal assessment periods each academic year. Our rationale for having Assessment Fortnights is to ensure that we are able to accurately assess our students and identify and address areas where knowledge and skills need strengthening. Additionally, this gives students practice in the Lower School with revising and planning for assessments in both practical and academic subjects.

Where possible, subjects will set one assessment during lessons across this period. Students will be asked to spend some time revising for this assessment in advance and may be set meaningful revision tasks to complete for homework. This assessment pattern will continue for students through their time in school and data will be shared with families once assessments have been marked and moderated. Assessments will take place during lessons and will be sat in classrooms. If necessary, reasonable adjustments will be made and this will be discussed with the class teacher and the student.

A Teams channel has been created on the Year 8 Team called 'AF1'. On the team, teachers will share advice and resources for students so they can feel fully prepared for the upcoming assessment. The assessment timetable will follow at the end of this letter and will also be uploaded onto the aforementioned Team page.

We would welcome your support with the following:

- Talk to your daughter - asking which assessment she has and what topics she will cover
- Establish a home revision routine leading up to assessments and throughout the assessment period
- Reassure your daughter about the purpose of assessments, supporting a positive mind-set and resilient attitude
- Check her Microsoft Teams account with her ensuring that she is up-to-date with her classwork and completing any revision material set

### Mock Options

From next term, your daughter will begin the process of selecting her GCSE subjects (Options), which she will start studying from September 2024. To prepare your daughter for this, she will receive assemblies/tutorials focused on Options to ensure she makes the right decision in March.

To start this process, we are doing a trial run of your daughter picking her GCSE subjects. In the Year 8 Team, a new 'Options' channel has been created, in which there is a link to a Microsoft Form called 'Mock Options'.

Please click on the link to access the form and do a trial run of picking your options.

The aim of this is to:

1. Start your daughter thinking about what subjects she is interested in and might want to take further.
2. Ensure they understand the form and how to select the subjects.

I must stress that this is just a TEST. This form is NOT for their final GCSE subjects and has no bearing on what your daughter can pick later on in the year. It is the first stage of the process and allows the school to begin planning.

Please use this as an opportunity to speak with your daughter about which subjects she wants to take from September 2024.

The deadline for the form to be completed is Monday 18 December 2023.

If you have any questions regarding either Assessment Fortnight 1 or the Mock Options form, please feel free to contact me at [richard.thorne@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk](mailto:richard.thorne@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



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## Assessment Fortnight Timetable

	Monday 8th January	Tuesday 9th January	Wednesday 10th January	Thursday 11th January	Friday 12th January
<b>Period 1</b>	INSED	English: Ms Olver's Class	English: Ms Amer/ Ms Rooke's class; Ms Viola's class Mr Kanuga's class	8E - History 8J - French	8P - Art 8J - RS 8A - Computing 8ST - Food practical 8E - PE Theory 8G - RS
<b>Period 2</b>	INSED	8AEGJ - Science	English: Ms Willis/Ms Rooke's class Ms Evans/Mr.Kanuga's class	8S - History	8J - Music 8O - Music 8A - Drama Written 8G - Computing 8ST - Food practical
<b>Period 3</b>	INSED	8OPST - Science	8A - History 8P - History 8S - RS English: Ms Holland's Class	8GJ - Food practical 8E - RS	8AE - Food practical 8T - PE Theory
<b>Period 4</b>	INSED	8A - Music 8G - PE Theory	8G - Drama Written 8J - Computing	8E - Music 8GJ - Food practical 8P - PE Theory	8T - Art 8G - Music 8S - Drama Written 8AE - Food practical 8O - PE Theory
<b>Period 5</b>	INSED	8J - French 8E - Art 8T - Drama Written 8S - Art	8P - Music 8J - Drama Written 8G - History 8A - PE Theory	8O - Drama Written 8T- RS	8E - Computing 8A - RS
	Monday 15th January	Tuesday 16th January	Wednesday 17th January	Thursday 18th January	Friday 19th January
<b>Period 1</b>	8E - French	8AEGJ - Maths	8T - History 8S - Geography		8J - Art 8OP - DT /Food written
<b>Period 2</b>	8S - PE Theory 8J - History 8G - French	8E - Drama Written 8OPST - Maths 8A - French	8GJ - DT /Food Written 8S - Music		
<b>Period 3</b>		8J - Computing 8ST - DT/Food written 8P - RS 8A - Geography	8J - Geography		8G - Computing 8P - Spanish 8O - History 8A - Art
<b>Period 4</b>	8T - Geography 8P - Drama Written 8E - Geog		8OP - Food practical	8E - Computing 8J - PE Theory 8O - RS	8T - Music 8AE - DT / Food Written
<b>Period 5</b>	8P - Geography	8O - Geography 8T - Spanish	8A - Computing 8OP - Food practical 8G - Geography	8O - Art	

