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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 Assessments

How is my child's work and progress assessed at Victory?

We have decided to change our assessment policy to ensure that children and their families are well informed of when formal tests will take place. We want to make sure assessments are spiraled, covering content from previous learning that will assess both knowledge and skills. In doing this, we hope that your child can prepare in advance and that this can enable you to support at home; making the process more valuable for everyone.

Once the data is captured from assessments, staff will have a feedback week where misconceptions are addressed both individually and collectively. Through our diagnostics we can then put the appropriate interventions in place to help children cement their understanding, so they do not fall behind.

There are three formal assessment points for English, Mathematics and Science throughout the year. All other subjects will have two formal assessment points throughout the year. Each of these assessments will fall within a two-week period. Staff will inform individual groups of when these assessments will take place and the format, and they will also make sure you are informed via Class Charts.

The second set of formal assessments for Year 8 will take place:

- Science on 5th March
- Mathematics on 11th March
- English on 13th March

Preparing for assessments – What can I do?

- Complete all homework set by the teachers.
- Revise using the new Assessment Journals below. These will also be available on our website.
- Scan QR codes in planners for [knowledge organisers](#) (or click on the link provided).
- Attend Homework Club.

As mentioned above, these are the formal assessment points but lots of informal assessments will take place in the classroom daily through: questioning; low stakes quizzes; live marking; homework; and from work completed in exercise books.

Report 1 with assessment data was sent to parents in January. Students have received their percentages from teachers as they were marked and should have communicated this with you.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself via o.ballentine@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk or Miss A Hazell via a.hazell@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk.



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Year 8 Assessment Journal - Spring 2024

Subject	Assessment Content	Assessment Format	Weighting	HW/Independent Revision
English	AP1 Journeys' End and Poetry	Spiral exam paper. Range of short form questions with longer writing question which has a very clear mark scheme.	100%	Bedrock develops language skills which are incorporated in core questions and assessed in writing.
	AP2 Journeys' End, Poetry, Salt to the Sea - building of understanding narrative perspective.	Spiral exam paper building on knowledge and skills with a very clear mark scheme.		
Mathematics	AP1 <u>Set 1 and 2:</u> NP6 - Directed Number A1 - Introduction to Algebraic Thinking NP7 - Fractions NP8 - Percentages, Fractions and Decimals <u>Set 3, 4 and 5:</u> NP5 - Order of Operations NP6 - Directed Number A1 - Introduction to Algebraic Thinking	Spiral Exam Paper	100% exam paper	Dr Frost HW tasks and digital KO (this is their course page - can be found on their Dr Frost Dashboard) Knowledge Organiser
	AP2 <u>Set 1 and 2:</u> NP9 - Estimation and Use of a Calculator A2 - Manipulating and Simplifying Expressions GM1 - Drawing, Measuring and Constructing			
	<u>Set 3, 4 and 5:</u> NP6 - Directed Number NP7 - Fractions NP8 - Percentages, Fractions and Decimals			
Science	Food and Nutrition Plants and their Reproduction Current Electricity, Light, Atoms, Elements and Molecules Muscles and Bones	Spiral Exam Paper	100%	Seneca Knowledge Organisers