



09 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 7 and 8 Summer Exams and Assessments

This year students at Abbey Grange Academy and across the three secondary academies in Abbey MAT will be sharing the same exams in the Subjects of English, Maths, Science, Geography and History.

Abbey MAT Standards

Students will receive a Standard or grade ranging from 1-9 in each of these subjects. The Standard 9 will show the highest attainment running down to Standard 1 being the lowest.

The grades received are not GCSE grades, because they are based on the curriculum delivered in Year 7 or Year 8. However, the proportion of students who receive each standard will be similar to the proportion who achieve that grade in the Trust in Y11.

Example

Joseph achieves a **Standard 6** in English in Year7.

Joseph's standard indicates that in his first year at LA he is working and achieving in a way that if replicated over the next years could lead to a grade of around a 6 by Y11.

Please note that the Standards achieved show how each student achieved in the exam this year and are not a firm predictor of future progress. During the student's school life levels of performance can change, and with the right effort improve.

Progress Measures

Students will also receive progress measures in each subject given their starting point at the academy as measured by KS2 SATS, or by the baseline assessments such as CATS tests taken at the beginning of the year.

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| Exceeding | Student is making progress at an accelerated rate |
| Good | The progress we would expect from a student if they are working with the aspiration, commitment, and application expected of Abbey Trust students |
| Working Towards | Student has made some progress year but not at the rate expected |
| Below | Support is required |



Assessments in other KS3 subjects

Students will not receive an Abbey MAT standard in each subject- standards will only be reported in English, Maths, Science, History and Geography.

However, students will take assessments in each subject as determined within each Academy and subject area. However, teachers will report on the progress of the student using the progress measures shown above.

I know that many students will find the period of mock exams stressful and challenging; this is exacerbated by what has happened this year with unforeseen lockdowns resulting in home learning.

I want to reassure you and your children that the mock results will help staff to plan for the next academic year and address any gaps in students learning. It goes without saying that we expect all students to try their best, however they shouldn't be fixated on the grades they will get but rather focus on the process of revision and preparation.

To help with the preparation, please find the timetable for the June mock exams below.

Y7 and Y8 Mock Exams June 2021

| Monday 14 | Tuesday 15 | Wednesday 16 | Thursday 17 | Friday 18 |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:30am |
| | Y7 Geography | Y7 English | Y7 Maths | Y7 Science |
| 11:30am | 11:30am | 11:30am | 11:30am | 11:30am |
| | Y8 Geography | Y8 English | Y8 Maths | Y8 Science |
| Monday 21 | Tuesday 22 | Wednesday 23 | Thursday 24 | Friday 25 |
| 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:30am |
| Y7 History | | | | |
| 11:30am | 11:30am | 11:30am | 11:30am | 11:30am |
| Y8 History | | | | |

Please don't hesitate to contact Miss Hall, Miss Etherington or Mrs Hirlam (Year Managers) or me (Achievement Director) if you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully

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