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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 8 Foundation Examinations - w/b 4th March 2024

The Year 8 Foundation exams will be taking place during the week beginning 4th March 2024. We held an assembly to launch the Foundation Examinations with Year 8 on Monday 19th February, during which we covered the importance of revision. The exams will allow you and your child to see where their strengths lie in the Foundation subjects and are an important indicator of progress made by students. There will be preparation taking place in lessons, however the expectation is that this is supplemented and supported with revision at home.

If your child is ill during the Foundation Examination period, please phone the school office to report their absence in the usual way. We will re-arrange any missed exams for students who are too ill to attend. I would like to reiterate the importance of thorough preparation for these examinations. We have invested in an online revision tool called Seneca Learning; your child has the log in details for this. Please encourage them to use this along with the other signposted revision resources on GO 4 Schools for each subject.

During the launch assembly we explained to Year 8 how to plan the use of their time and ensure that they can fit in sufficient revision for each subject. There is help, support and guidance on the school website <u>here</u> covering how to revise, how to deal with stress and useful links to documents such as the topics covered by the exams, a blank revision planner and the exams timetable. There is a comprehensive parent/carer guide to effective revision <u>here</u> which contains a wealth of revision techniques to trial with your child. A copy of the exam timetable and the topics covered in each subject exam are included at the end of this letter and they have both been shared with students via Go4Schools and their email accounts.

Yours sincerely,

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