

# Harris Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well. I am writing to inform you about the forthcoming assessment week for our Year 8 students, a vital part of their academic journey this year as they begin to move up through the school.

The assessments will commence on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, and conclude on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. These assessments will inform the SPRs that will be sent home after half term.

To assist you in supporting your child during this period, we encourage you to engage with them about their studies. For instance, discussing topics studied in History, such as British Empire or the theme of identity in *The Giver* in English. Doing so can deepen their understanding and interest in these subjects when shared at home.

The assessments will be conducted during regular class sessions, covering all subjects as detailed below:

| Subject          | Assessment Area or Question                                                        |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Art              | Baseline drawing assessment and prior knowledge                                    |
| Computer Science | Programming Essentials Part 2                                                      |
| Drama            | Baseline theory assessment and Beowulf practical                                   |
| English          | Analysis of the theme of identity in 'The Giver'                                   |
| Food             | The Functions of Ingredients and Raising Agents                                    |
| French           | "Chez Moi" with recall from Y7                                                     |
| Geography        | Map skills, River processes and Urbanisation                                       |
| German           | "Urlaub" with recall from Y7                                                       |
| History          | The British Empire: "Should Britain Apologise for the Empire?" with recall from Y7 |
| Maths            | KS2 and KS3 content                                                                |
| Music            | Rhythmic notation and time signatures. West African drumming.                      |
| PE               | Prior knowledge and Practical Performance in Sport                                 |



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| <b>Product Design</b> | Designing and Manufacturing with Woods                    |
| <b>RS</b>             | World Views                                               |
| <b>Science</b>        | Human impacts on the Earth - Science investigation skills |
| <b>Spanish</b>        | Free time activities with recall from Y7                  |

Please encourage your child to interact with their teachers and utilise available resources for their preparation. If you have any questions or require further information, feel free to contact individual teachers. We are confident in our Year 8 students' abilities and are here to support them in achieving their best as we begin the new year.

Yours sincerely,



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