

Dear Parents/Carers

**Data and Examinations 2020 -21 - Key Dates for Year 8**

The Year 8 students have made a good start to the year and I am writing to you today to give you some more information about the key assessment and reporting dates this year.

During Year 8 we will report on your child's progress at three points during the school year. As you will be aware the main focus at Key Stage 3 is developing pupils' knowledge and skills so they are ready for more advanced study from Year 9 through to 11 as GCSE content begins to be taught. Teachers will use a range of evidence from class and formal assessments to ascertain the confidence they have that students have reached a certain level of performance.

Teachers will then report this using a scale which reflects how well they believe knowledge and skills are developing. The scale ranges as follows:

Emerging	The knowledge and application of skills in this subject are some way below what we would typically expect of a student at Skipton Girls' High School. The student and the teacher will work together quite intensively to try to address this and move the student towards a more secure understanding of the subject.
Basic	The knowledge and application of skills being demonstrated in this subject are a little below what we would typically expect of a student at Skipton Girls' High School and the student needs to closely monitor and act on the advice given by the teacher to try to enhance their performance and show a more secure understanding.
Secure	The knowledge and application of skills being demonstrated in this subject are quite typical of those we would expect of a student at Skipton Girls' High School.
Deep	The knowledge and application of skills being demonstrated in this subject go beyond those that would typically be expected of a student at Skipton Girls' High School.

Should you be interested in finding out more about the expected standards we try to aspire students to reach examples of completed assessments can be found on Firefly.

Teachers will also report on how much commitment students have put into their learning up to the reporting period.

In addition to the written reports there will also be a parents' evening and further details about this will be communicated to you nearer the time.



The key reporting dates are planned as follows:

Friday 13 November 2020	Report to Parents (grade only report)
Friday 19 March 2021	Report to Parents (full report)
Wednesday 24 March 2021	Parents Evening
Monday 7 June – Friday 17 June 2021	Assessment Weeks
Friday 9 July 2021	Report to Parents (grade only report)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or subject teacher as appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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