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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: **Year 8 in-class assessments**

We hope you are well and have settled back into the school routine. It has been wonderful seeing so many of your children continuing to think hard in lessons and exploring new knowledge as part of a positive start to learning in Year 8.

This letter is to give you some information about in-class assessments which are taking place in the **week beginning Monday 13 October 2025**. These will be across several subject areas, covering the content and skills that Year 8 have learnt since they began their time at Tallis.

Information on the assessments has been shared in assembly this week and the children will be prepared in lessons. Preparatory work or revision may be set on MCAS, and they will be told which of their lessons will be dedicated to the assessment. Some subjects set more formal, in-class assessments, whilst other subjects focus on evaluations of work completed in lessons.

Please support your child to prepare for their assessments by providing a quiet space for them to work on any revision or encourage them to use the library. Please also talk to your child about their learning. As we have shared previously, research suggests one of the best ways for children to revise for their subjects is retrieval practice, which involves students creating notes or flashcards which they can then use to test themselves.

The results of these assessments will be shared with you at parents evening, taking place on **Wednesday 19 November 2025 from 15:45 – 18:30**. It is an expectation that every child has a parent or carer attend, so please keep this date free. Appointments will be made available via School Cloud with further information, including login details, being emailed after half-term.

The second set of main assessments for Year 8 this year will be their end of year tests which are scheduled to take place in the **week beginning Monday 1 June 2026**. We will write to you closer to the time with more details of topics to revise, and how you can help children with their revision for these more substantive assessments.

We understand that assessments may cause worry for some students so please remind your child to talk to their teacher, form tutor or one of us, if they have any concerns.

Thank you for your support and please contact either of us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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