



26th March 2026

Dear Parents, Guardians or Carers,

Re: Year 8 End of Year Examinations, Tuesday 28th April – Friday 1st May 2026

I am writing to inform you that your child will be sitting their **End of Year** examinations from **Tuesday 28th April – Friday 1st May 2026**.

These examinations will be a key indicator of students' current proficiency in their Key Stage 3 subjects, and will support them as they transition into Key Stage 4. As students will begin studying from the Key Stage 4 core, extended core and options curriculum from after 1st June onwards, the data gained from these examinations will be used to guide your child onto the most suitable pathway, which will yield the best outcomes for them.

Please see the timetable as follows, which includes details about the specific examination papers your child will sit and their durations:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Year 8 Examination	Duration
Tuesday 28th April 2026	11:30am	12:00pm	French (Reading)	30 mins
	12:00pm	12:30pm	French (Writing)	30 mins
	2:30pm	3:30pm	Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	1 hour
Wednesday 29th April 2026	9:00am	10:00am	History (Cavaliers and Colonies)	1 hour
	11:30am	12:30pm	Geography (Global and National Geographical Issues)	1 hour
	2:30pm	3:30pm	Humanities (Religion and Citizenship)	1 hour
Thursday 30th April 2026	11:30am	12:30pm	English Literature: <i>Of Mice and Men</i> & WW1 Poetry	1 hour
	2:30pm	3:30pm	English Language: Creative Writing or Speech Writing	1 hour
Friday 1st May 2026	11:30am	12:30pm	Mathematics (Non-Calculator)	1 hour
	2:30pm	3:30pm	Mathematics (Calculator)	1 hour

Examination Logistics

For each examination, students are expected to report to the concrete area outside the Sports Hall 15 minutes prior to the examination start time. Students are expected to line up in their form classes, in register order. Students are expected to attend College at the normal time of 8:40am and will finish at the normal time of 3:30pm. In cases where students are not in an examination, they will attend lessons as normal.



Uniform Policy

Please note that all students must attend in **full College uniform**. Every student must wear their **blazer and formal leather shoes**. All male students must wear their College **tie**. Hoodies, sports jackets and trainers of any kind and/or colour are not permitted under any circumstances.

Equipment, Stationery and Devices Policy

All students must attend their examinations with appropriate equipment and stationery which must include black biro pens, a ruler and highlighters for written subjects, and pencils, an eraser, a scientific calculator, a compass and a protractor for Mathematics and Science-based subjects. Furthermore, **mobile phones, iPads, watches of any kind, AirPods and/or headphones** and all other **electronic devices** are **strictly prohibited** and will not be allowed in the exam venue. These should be kept in students' bags, following the College's on site and out of sight policy.

Behaviour

The College expects all Year 8 students to demonstrate exemplary behaviour during their End of Year examinations and are expected to follow all instructions. Any behaviour that falls outside of the College's expectations and policies, alongside the examination regulations, may be at risk of having marks deducted from their examination or even removed from the venue. Students must use their break and lunch times to use the bathroom, as per our usual timetable.

Revision Advice

It is imperative that students revise effectively, in order to retain and critically analyse the information have learned thus far. As such, students must understand their own process of learning and revising. This can be determined through a trial-and-error process, whereby students try different revision strategies in order to decipher what is most effective for them. Students can create revision timetables using GetRevising.co.uk and GetAdapt.co.uk; flash cards and colour-coded notes can also be effective methods for retention, as can listening to audio files and watching educational videos. Active recall, studying in groups or pairs, creating mind-maps and undertaking practice papers within timed-conditions are also useful strategies that students can employ.

Support

We understand that students may feel worried or anxious about the examinations process and therefore we have structures in place to support them. Through assemblies and form time activities, students will be given practical strategies on study techniques and emotional regulation, such as having a growth mindset and using positive language.

The College wishes its Year 8 cohort the very best during this important examination period. The End of Year examinations will be an opportunity for the Year 8 cohort to demonstrate how knowledgeable, mature and committed they are. It will not only be a test of what they have learned, but of their stamina and resilience, and as a staff body, we are looking forward to the Year 8 students' show of dedication and excellence.

If you require any further information or have any questions regarding these examinations, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 02085732097, or at rosedalecollege@trhat.org.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms A. Patel', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ms A. Patel
Vice Principal