



# George Spencer Academy

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Dear Parent or Carer,

Year 7 and Year 8 will be sitting an English Language mock and a Mathematics mock in the forthcoming weeks.

- Year 8 will sit their mock in the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January.
- Year 7 will sit their mock in the week beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The exact times and details will be given to the students by both their subject teachers and Learning Managers. These mocks will take place in the classroom.

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Year 7 will be sitting English Language Paper 1 which involves answering questions on a passage and writing a piece of descriptive or narrative writing.

Year 8 will be sitting English Language Paper 2 which involves answering questions on two passages and writing a piece of argumentative or persuasive writing.

Pupils have spent the first term preparing for these mocks and will be familiar with the format of the papers. The examinations are skills based rather than content so there are no texts that they need to revise. Reading widely, using a range of writing techniques and improving the accuracy of their writing will help with this examination.

## **MATHEMATICS**

Year 7 and year 8 will be sitting a 60-minute paper that will assess their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills in relation to topics studied since September.

For Year 7 this will include the application of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using integers, decimals, negative values and algebra.

For Year 8 this will include the application of ratio, percentages, standard form, prime factor decomposition and index laws.

Pupils should revise what they have learnt in preparation for this mock, which is based on what has been covered so far. In addition to using their work from school, they can access revision on [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) and [www.mrhgartymaths.com](http://www.mrhgartymaths.com).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact English by email at [whall@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk](mailto:whall@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk) or Maths by email at [cball@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk](mailto:cball@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk) or by telephone on the school number.

Yours faithfully,

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