

# Why do we have Exams?

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**I am a year 8 student and am about to take my upcoming year 8 exams. These take place between 27th of March and the 31st of March and the subjects range from English to Design Technology. I understand the point of them—but do we really need them?**

We interviewed some fellow pupils about their opinions on exams. One pupil said, ‘I think we do need exams, so that we can see what they need to work on and improve’. Another student said that, ‘I do think exams are important because the teacher can know what levels they are working at.’ Then we asked if this pupil gets worried or stressed about exams, ‘I worry about not passing them and getting a low score’. I was surprised that most students wanted to keep exams going on, rather than getting rid of them entirely.

I interviewed some teachers to see what their view on exams were too. One Geography teacher said, ‘I think exams are good for students to practise their technique for exams, I also think that from exams we can access knowledge and understanding’.



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A Maths teacher said that, ‘Exams are handy for teachers to know and are aware of what level the student is working at.’ I also asked our Headmaster what his opinion of exams were, ‘Exams are important for students to see what they are good and bad at.’ I also asked him within school how much do students get help in exams, ‘Students get lots of help by after school and lunch revision classes’. Whatever the opinion, I am excited about my exams in a week’s time.