



Friday, 08 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you with information regarding the forthcoming Year 9 Formal Assessments which are due to take place between Monday 22 April and Wednesday 24 April.

Formal Assessments are an ideal opportunity for students to experience the preparation, organisation and expectations required for their eventual GCSE period. Students will complete an exam paper in each of their core subjects and most of their option subjects. Assessments for English, Maths and Science will be completed in the hall under formal conditions. Consequently, the exams are run under the same regulations used during the summer exams and behaviour should be exemplary. Students failing to abide by exam board regulations will be sanctioned accordingly.

Core subject assessments will be sat at the following times for the whole of Year 9:

Monday 22 April	9:00am	Science	1 hour 30 mins
Tuesday 23 April	9:00am	Maths	1 hour 15 mins
Wednesday 24 April	9:00am	English	1 hour 45mins

Options subject assessments will take place in the classroom during timetabled lessons. Your child's teachers will tell them when these will be held. Again, behaviour should be exemplary during these classroom-based assessments.

Students' grades from the formal assessments will be used to inform their projected grade on their next report home and will be used to provide specific feedback to students on their areas of strength and development. To ensure students are prepared for their assessments and can experience success, staff will provide revision material and guidance on the topics they will be assessed on in advance of the assessment. Please support your child in allocating time prior to their assessments to prepare for them.

Students should bring their equipment to school as usual, including a black pen, pencil and ruler. If there is specific equipment needed for an exam, this will be provided.

We wish your child the best of luck with the assessments.

Yours sincerely,

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