

5 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The week commencing 15 January, we have the second Year 9 assessment week, during which all Year 9 students will have the opportunity to show what they have been learning as well as receiving feedback on areas they need to improve.

Following these assessments, you will receive the second report to show you what progress your child is making and how good their attitude towards learning is.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to revise for these assessments and also to arrive at school fully equipped.

To help you understand what the assessments are about, here are some further details:

English: For this first literature assessment this half term on the Shakespeare play that they have been studying: Romeo and Juliet or Macbeth, students will be required to write analytically about an extract from the play discussing theme, context, character and authorial intention.

Maths: Assessments will be abbreviated GCSE non-calculator paper, but students need to have other equipment (compass, protractor) ready.

Science: The assessment will cover Cells and Energy - these topics have been covered during the Autumn term. There are plenty of resources available on the Google Classroom to help aid revision.

Geography: Students will complete an end of topic test on cold environments. They should refer to their Google Classroom for revision tips and links - the 9 marker will be on Svalbard!

History: Students should prepare to complete a 12 mark GCSE style question about Germany under the rule of Kaiser Wilhelm II and a series of short questions based on the government and crime units studied before Christmas. Resources and guidance will be uploaded to the google classroom and pupils will be expected to complete independent revision in order to prepare.

French: Students will complete a role play and a photo card on the topic of 'Ma ville est ma maison' (My house and town). This involves students being able to react to five spontaneous questions and to be able to describe two photo cards.

German: Students will complete a role play and a photo card on the topic of 'Mein Haus und meine Stadt' (My house and town). This involves students being able to react to five spontaneous questions and to be able to describe two photo cards.

REP: Assessment will be on Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict. Students have already been given paper copies of Knowledge Organisers and these are also on the Google Classroom. Students will have a revision lesson prior to assessment.

Sociology: The assessment will be a mixture of Sociological Approach questions and introductory Methodology questions. Revision has been set on Google Classroom (SENECA) and we will have a revision lesson prior to assessment.

DT: DT students will be assessed on all the topics they have been working on so far this term. Revision lists will be given in class and Google Classroom.

Food: Students will be tested on the topics they have covered this year, these can be found on Google Classroom and a hand out will be given to students this week.

PE & Sports Studies: Students will have the opportunity to practise their question answering skills and to apply their learned knowledge and understanding.

Core ICT: The assessment will revisit all the topics covered already this year, including historical figures in computing, decryption, logic and AI.

Digital IT: Students will complete a sample of the coursework task for 5 hours over two weeks. Missed lessons must be caught up after school as the internet is not allowed during the assessment so it cannot be done at home.

Computing: Students will complete a unit assessment for the Data Science unit we have been completing. This will be combined with their scores from previous assessments and used to inform the next report grade.

Art: Students will be developing their responses to their natural forms photographs using a range of materials linked to artist Karl Blossfeldt.

Photography: Students will be developing an outcome using multiple photos of a space linked to artist David Hockney's Joiner series.

Music: Students have been set a composition assignment which will count towards their assessment. They should be creating and notating their musical ideas regularly at home to have a well-developed piece, ready to hand in by the deadline. Further details can be found on Google Classroom.

Drama: Students have been working in groups to perform a short scripted play. Their performances will be assessed using GCSE component 2 criteria.



Health and Social Care: Students should revise the work covered so far using the PowerPoints available on the Google classroom. They should pay particular attention to being able to explain key words and concepts.

Child Development: Students should revise the work covered so far using the PowerPoints available on the Google classroom. They should pay particular attention to being able to explain key words and concepts.

We wish the best of luck to all the Year 9 pupils. If there are any questions about these assessments, students should talk to their class teacher for further information.

Yours sincerely



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