

4 April 2019

Dear Parent or Carer

Year 7, 8 and 9 students have a window for assessment from Tuesday 7 May to Monday 13 May when they will sit examinations in Maths, English and Science. These assessments take place for the following reasons:

- To show the students, their parents and their teachers how hard they have been working and how much they have learnt
- To show where student's strengths are
- To indicate areas to focus on
- To practice preparing for lots of assessments in a short time frame – in preparation for GCSEs
- To consolidate learning in preparation for the next academic year

Students will have an assembly on this in the week commencing 1 April, which will include advice on revision techniques, creating a revision timetable, and keeping well during what could be a stressful time for some students. Group Tutors will also speak with students in morning registration time.

During this assessment period, students will carry out their examinations in the sports hall so they can experience what the examinations will be like in Y11. Please see the examination schedule below and the length of each examination unless a student has access arrangements and meet the criteria for extra time.

	Morning Exam Starts at 9am	Afternoon Exam Starts at 1pm
Tuesday 7 May	Y9 Maths 1 hour 30mins	Y7 English 1 hour
Wednesday 8 May	Y8 Maths 1 hour	Y8 English 1 hour
Thursday 9 May	Y9 English 1 hour 30mins	Y8 Science 1 hour
Friday 10 May	Y9 Science 1 hour	Y7 Science 1 hour
Monday 13 May		Y7 Maths 45mins

Students will be in their normal lessons when they are not in an examination. Students will also take assessments in their lessons during this time in selected subjects. Dates and times when these will take place will be given to students over the next couple of weeks.

As a general rule, all content and skills covered since the beginning of Year 7 will be assessed, therefore a well-structured revision timetable is important. Subject teachers will discuss with students the exact content of the assessments and will give students some ideas regarding how to revise effectively in their subject.

Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare properly for these assessments and if your child becomes overly anxious about them, please do not hesitate to contact their Year Group Manager.

Yours Sincerely



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