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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Assessment Week

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming **Year 9 Assessment Week**, which will focus on three core subjects: **Mathematics, English, and Science**. This will take place on **the week beginning 27 April 2026**.

This is an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding and progress across these key areas of the curriculum.

During the week, students will complete a series of assessments designed to evaluate their knowledge, skills, and ability to apply what they have learned in class.

Students will have an assembly informing them of the details of this during the first week after the Easter break.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, students will complete two 90-minute assessments. Their first paper will be calculator allowed and cover topics from across key stage 3, such as: forming and solving equations, transformations, number problems and graphs.

The second paper will be non-calculator and focus on students' written methods, on topics such as: standard form, area of circles in terms of Pi, expanding and factorising. This will give us an overview of student performance ready to begin KS4 and GCSE learning.

English

In English, students will complete their No More Marking assessment. In this assessed piece of work, students will be assessed on the quality and accuracy of their writing. Once marked, the data provides us with an accurate reflection of students' writing age, which will then be used to inform future support and interventions.

Science

In Science, students will be sitting three 45-minute papers for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In Biology, the assessment will cover Unit 1: Cell Biology, including cell structure, stem cells, microscopy, cell division and transport across cell membranes. In Chemistry, the assessment will focus on Unit 1: Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table, covering atoms, elements, compounds and how the periodic table is organised. In Physics, students will be assessed on Unit 1: Energy, which includes energy stores and transfers. This assessment will help us assess students' understanding and support their preparation for the GCSE course.

Preparation

We encourage all students to prepare thoroughly by using recent class and assessment feedback to improve the quality of their written work. Equally, students should be comfortable with approaching different formats of writing, such as articles, letters and speeches. Students should use Sparx to support their revision in Mathematics.



During the week and after

During the Assessment Week, students will sit formal assessments in the main hall, as they will throughout Key Stage 4. This opportunity is not only a way to measure academic progress, but also a chance for students to build confidence and develop important exam skills.

Results from these assessments will form the basis of Learning Cycle 3, which will be released in June.

Yours sincerely

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