

20 May 2024

Dear families

It has been fantastic to see Year 9 continuing to mature as a year group. As you will be aware, they have now already begun their GCSE and BTEC work, and it is important that they continue to attend every day, behave well and work hard.

From **Thursday 6 June 2024**, Year 9 students will be sitting their Cycle 3 assessments. Some of these will be conducted in the Main Hall and Dance Studio to give the students an experience of a formal exam, and others will be completed in classrooms. All are equally important, and it is crucial that the assessments are completed in silence, with students following all instructions. This will help prepare your child for sitting their formal examinations successfully in Year 11. Please see below for an overview of Cycle 3 assessment dates which are taking place in the Main Hall / Dance Studio:

- Thursday 6 June (PM): **Maths Paper 1** (1hr 30mins)
- Monday 10 June (AM): **Science Paper 1** (1hr hour)
- Wednesday 12 June (AM): **English** (1hr 45mins)
- Thursday 13 June (AM): **Geography** (55 mins)
- Wednesday 19 June (AM): **Maths Paper 2** (1hr 30mins)
- Thursday 20 June (PM): **Spanish** (2 hr)
- Friday 21 June (AM): **Science Paper 2** (1 hr)

In order to support your child in being successful in these important assessments please:

- Reiterate the importance of attending punctually every day to ensure no lessons or assessments are missed
- Remind your child to complete all homework to the best of their ability and on time
- Encourage and support your child to revise using booklets, revision websites signposted by their teachers, the Knowledge Organisers in their planners and other revision materials that they have been given

You can also support your child by ensuring they have an early night before an assessment, that they have breakfast (using our breakfast club if they wish) and take in a bottle of water for the academy day / assessments. The weather can be warm at this time of year, and it is important that your child is comfortable and hydrated.

Once the assessments have been marked, your child's teacher will give feedback lessons on the assessment, and record a question level analysis, which will feed into planning, lesson delivery and interventions. You will also receive a Cycle Three report via the MCAS app.

If you have any queries about the upcoming assessments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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