



Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 9 Exam Week 15 / 01 / 18

Year 9 students will have a formal period of exams in the fortnight commencing the 15/01/18. These exams will help inform us of the progress students are making alongside the normal assessments and tests undertaken throughout the year but will also help prepare students for the demands of the real exams that they will sit in the summer of Year 11. The GCSE exam system is now designed so that everything is tested in a linear fashion i.e all assessment is completed at the end of Year 11. Students need to be fully prepared to cope with the demands of this system. Doing formal exams in Years 7-10 will help:

- Students to understand the demands of revising a lot of subject content
- Enable students to develop their revision skills
- Allow students to experience doing formal exams in the exam hall
- Give students the experience of undertaking several exams in a short period of time
- Enable students to improve their exam skills including timing and maximising how to gain marks on exam questions

Subject	Content to revise	Exam Details	Revision resources
English	Poetry Relationship poetry Study poems in your Year 9 Anthology and remind yourself of the writer's intention behind each poem and the reasons behind the language they use.	1 hour in the Hall One essay style question on poems studied in class and one creative writing task	Exercise books Yr9 revision sheet Y9 Poetry anthology
Maths	Sets 1-3: Laws of indices, Bounds, Standard Index Form, Constructions and loci, Area and perimeter of circles and sectors. Volume and Surface Area of prisms, Pythagoras' Theorem, Mathematical Proof, Congruency, properties of quadrilaterals, Straight line graphs, simplifying algebraic expressions Sets 4&5: Prime numbers, HCF and LCM, Standard Index Form, BIDMAS	1 Hour in the Hall Variety of single and multi-mark questions.	Exercise books MyMaths Revision Sheets

	including calculating indices, relative frequency, experimental probability, simplifying algebraic expressions, substitution, Sequences		
Art	Practice drawing from a primary source	1 hour in class observational drawing test	“Speed drawing” tutorials on YouTube. www.studentartguide.com
Computer Science	Revise: Moral, legal and environmental concerns Algorithms and programming Computer Hardware, memory and storage	1 hour in class long and short answer questions	www.BBC.co.uk bitesize Y9 Revision sheet
Drama	Features of Documentary Drama	1 hour in class 30 mins prep, 30 mins performance time in groups	www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize research archive materials for the ‘mise en scene’
Geography	Revise: Natural Hazards The rise of China. Short answer questions on topics from years 7 and 8	1 hour in the Hall GCSE style questions – short answer then longer questions.	Exercise books Revision sheets
History	Revise: Suffragettes World War I	1 hour in the Hall 10 subject knowledge questions and then four longer exam questions (3 based around source skills)	Exercise books www.BBC.co.uk bitesize Y9 revision sheet
Languages	Revise: Family Relationships Holidays	1 hour in the Hall Writing paper: Describing a picture. Writing a paragraph. Translation into Fr, Gm or Sp	Yr 9 Notes and vocab sheets
Religious Education	Revise: Humanism, Ethics and Religion (inc. non-religious views)	1 hour in class Questions ranging from multiple choice to mini essay	Class books, assessment books/feedforward, BBC Religions/Ethics, Humanism: https://humanism.org.uk Y9 revision sheet

Students will receive a timetable for the exams that will be held in the main school hall upon their return in January.

Yours faithfully

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