

Wednesday 9th November 2021

RE: Year 9 Interim Assessments from Monday 15th November

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 will complete their interim assessments between Monday 15th November and Friday 3rd December. Students have been informed by their subject teachers of the dates, times and content to be covered in the interim assessments. Please see below for an overview of the schedule for the assessments.

These interim assessments will prepare your child for their end of year exams which are expected to take place in May and June 2022, as well as for public exams taken at the end of Year 11 and Year 13. This period should be taken seriously as it will give you, your child, and their teachers a clear indication of where they are on their path to academic success in their subject. Importantly, it will also help with identifying areas of strength and areas of improvement to target student revision and teacher intervention.

The main points of information are:

- As normal, **students should be in school no later than 8.25am** every day. Period 1 assessments in the KS3 Hall will start straight from line-up.
- Students should be in school for the full day every day. **Attendance and punctuality during this period remain vital.** Please do not make any appointments for your child during this time.
- Students will sit most of their assessments during normal lesson time for the subject and should arrive promptly to school and their timetabled lessons.
- Where students have an assessment in the KS3 Hall, they must return directly to lessons after the assessment.
- Students must ensure they have full equipment for their assessments.

You can help your child by making sure your child has the full equipment they need for their assessments. They will require:

- At least TWO Black Pens
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler and Protractor
- Scientific Calculator
- A **clear** pencil case
- A water bottle (this must be clear with no labels and contain only water)

Our internal assessment regulations are very clear and detailed. Not following them can lead to disqualification. To avoid this, students must:

- Begin assessment papers only when instructed to do so.
- Switch off and hand in all devices, including mobile phones and watches, before each assessment.
- Follow the instructions given by staff inside and outside the exam hall or in classroom.

- Not communicate or distract other students during the assessment.
- Stay in the exam hall under exam regulations for the duration of each assessment (unless otherwise instructed).

Please take time to discuss this with your child. We recommend students do not bring in their mobile phones or smart watches on days when they have an assessment.

Assessment periods can be a very demanding time for students. We are working hard to prepare them as thoroughly as possible. If you are concerned about your child and wish to seek advice or support, please contact the academy.

Finally, we want to thank you for your support and help in preparing your child for their interim assessments. I am sure you will join us in wishing them good luck and peace at this time. We look forward to seeing their well-deserved results.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. McEvoy'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E' and a trailing flourish.

Ms E McEvoy
Assistant Principal

YEAR 9

Unless otherwise stated, all assessments take place during normal lesson time for the subject.

Subject	Assessment date	Any other information
<u>Core</u>		
English	Monday 22 nd November period 1 in KS3 Hall	Justice writing 60 minutes
Maths	Tuesday 23 rd November period 5 in Hall	60 minutes
	Wednesday 24 th November period 1 in Hall	60 minutes
Science	Thursday 25 th November period 1 & 2 in Hall	2 hours
<u>Creative and Enterprise</u>		
Art	Between 8 th November and 10 th December	Final practical pieces 3 lessons
Art	9B 2 nd Dec 9R 1 st Dec 9I 3 rd Dec 9D 3 rd Dec 9G 3 rd Dec 9E 2 nd Dec	Art theory exam 30 minutes
Drama	Week beginning 22 nd November B Monday P1 R Thursday P1 I Monday P1 D Friday P4 G Thursday P4 E Wednesday P6	Drama practical exam 50 minutes
Drama	Week beginning 29 th November B Monday P1 R Thursday P1 I Monday P1 D Friday P4 G Thursday P4 E Wednesday P6	Drama theory assessment 30 minutes
Music	Week beginning 15 th during core music lesson 9B Core Wednesday P5 9R Core Monday P2 9I Core Monday P2 9D Core Tuesday P4 9G Core Wednesday P6 9E Core Friday P4	Theory test Notes on the keyboard, notes on the treble & bass clef, major & minor triads 30 minutes
PE	9X: Tuesday 16 th November 9Y: Friday 26 th November	30 minutes On computer
<u>Humanities</u>		
History	Monday 15 th November P4 (9 Ear) & (9Jib) Tuesday 16 th November P3 (9 Sea), (9Gry) & (9Eve) Wednesday 17 th November P6 (9Att)	World War 1 60 minutes
<u>Languages</u>		
French & Spanish	Thursday 2 nd December	9I, 9D
	Friday 3 rd December	9B, 9R, 9G, 9E