

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

RE: Year 9 Interim Assessments from Monday 7th March

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 will complete their interim assessments between Monday 7th March and Friday 25th March. 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. Many of these assessments are common across the Ark network.

Computer based assessments and Chromebook days

A growing number of our diagnostic assessments comprise multiple choice questions (MCQ) and are completed online, allowing rapid and forensic identification of strengths and areas of improvement. Please check the schedule carefully for the assessments highlighted and remind your child to bring in their fully charged Chromebook on these days. Students should speak to their form tutor as soon as possible to resolve any problems with their school login.

Key points about Chromebook days:

- Students will only be allowed to bring in the Chromebook we have issued them
- Chromebooks should be fully charged before students arrive to school

If your child has not yet been issued a Chromebook, we have made the process even easier for you:

1. Click on this link – [Digital Home School Agreement](#)
2. Read through the agreement
3. Fill in the form and click submit

Key reminders

- 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 they are being assessed in 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, including their Chromebook where notified in advance.

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 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 to communicate or distract other students during the assessment.

Please take time to discuss this with your child.

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,



Ms E McEvoy
Assistant Principal

YEAR 9

Other than core subjects, all assessments take place during normal lesson time for the subject.

Unless otherwise stated, all assessments take place in the student's usual classroom.

Subject	Assessment	B	R	I	D	G	E
Core							
English	Essay on Small Island	09.03.22 8.30am in KS3 Hall					
English	MCQ on Chromebooks	18.03.22 p2					
Maths	Calculator assessment	11.03.22 8.30am in KS3 Hall					
Maths	20m Written assessment	16.03.22 p2					
Maths	MCQ on Chromebooks	17.03.22 p5					
Science	Science assessment	17.03.22 8.30am in KS3 Hall					
Non-Core							
Art	Art theory exam	17.03.22	16.03.22	18.03.22	18.03.22	18.03.22	17.03.22
Art	Contrasting cities - final practical piece	03.03.22 & 10.03.22	02.03.22 & 09.03.22	04.03.22 & 11.03.22	04.03.22 & 11.03.22	04.03.22 & 11.03.22	03.03.22 & 10.03.22
Big Band	Video submission	16.03.22	14.03.22	14.03.22	15.03.22	16.03.22	18.03.22
Drama	Drama assessment	21.03.22	17.03.22	21.03.22	18.03.22	17.03.22	16.03.22
Geography	Oceans	07.03.22			07.03.22		
History	Russian revolution	16.03.22			15.03.22		
PE	PE assessment on Chromebooks	08.03.22			11.03.22		
Languages	French/ Spanish assessment on Chromebooks	18.03.22		16.03.22		15.03.22	
RS	Philosophy	09.03.22			08.03.22		