

9th March 2020

**Parents/Carers
Of Year 9 students**

Dear parent/carer,

Beginning on Wednesday 25th March, and lasting until the last day of term, Friday 3rd April, is the Year 9 Assessment period. Throughout the year, Year 9 students are frequently assessed, but this (almost) two-week period sees students complete summative assessments in the style of GCSE papers.

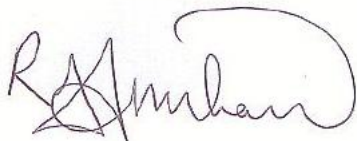
Students have been informed in an assembly and teachers have been asked to talk through the style of assessments and the content so that no student is surprised by what they receive.

Although the assessments are not done in the Sports Hall (like a Year 10 or Year 11 mock assessment), and are instead completed in classrooms, we aim to give our Year 9 students an indication of what a GCSE paper feels like. We believe this will not only give us a reflection of the progress our students have made since the start of their GCSEs, but it will also help to relieve any exam anxieties students may have when faced with a formal assessment paper.

Students will benefit from doing their very best in their lessons and can ask their teachers for revision advice. The results of the assessments will help to inform the next round of grades you will receive in April's progress report.

We wish all our Year 9 students the very best and know they will approach these exams with resilience and pride, resulting in good progress.

Yours sincerely



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