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Dear Parent/Carer

The week commencing 6 October, we have the first Year 9 assessment week, during which all year 9 students will have the opportunity to show what they have been learning as well as receiving feedback on areas they need to improve.

Following these assessments, you will receive a report to show you what progress your child is making and how good their attitude towards learning is.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to revise for these assessments and also to arrive at school fully equipped. Revision resources, including revision lists and further details are available on Google Classroom and ClassCharts.

To help you understand what the assessments are about, here are some further details:

English: The pupils will be writing an exam style response to the opening of their 19th century novel, Jane Eyre, demonstrating their ability to choose judicious quotations, analyse the language choices, consider impact on the reader and speculate the writer's intention.

Maths: Year 9 will be tested on the topics we have covered so far this term; angles in polygons and angles in parallel lines, constructions of circles, triangles and perpendicular bisectors. There will also be some questions drawing on prior knowledge of area and volume.

Science: Year 9 assessments are based on scientific skills and data analysis. The enquiry based questions will test pupils' knowledge and understanding of different science processes, including scientific methodology, graphing, calculations and writing conclusions.

Geography: Year 9 geographers will complete a midway assessment on their current topic 'Changing Economic World' plus a 10 mark 'Geog your memory' quiz on skills learnt in previous years.

History: Prepare for a range of questions covering what you have learned so far on your Norman England unit. You will have extended answers about the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Godwin Family.

French/German: The assessment will focus on a range of eclectic vocabulary from Year 8. You will be expected to give your opinion using 'Ich mag...' or 'Ich mag...nicht' on a range of topics covered in Year 8. You will also be assessed on using the past tense to write something about the summer holidays.

Sociology: Students will be assessed on Perspectives. They have been learning how different sociological perspectives provide contrasting explanations of social issues. In the assessment, pupils will use their new knowledge to explain how Functionalists and Marxists would evaluate events differently and will begin to consider which arguments are the strongest.

Computing: From the fundamental building block of all computers (binary numbers), all the way up to the internet. We've been on a whistlestop tour of everything that makes a computer function and you'll be assessed on all areas of this.

Core ICT: This assessment will test your knowledge of the history of computing and its impact on the modern world based on the content we have covered so far this year.

Digital IT: This term you've been learning about user interfaces and the decisions that UX designers have to make to ensure their products are intuitive and easy to use.

You'll be tested on this, including the psychology of colours, the needs of your users, and the intended platform for your product.

Music: Pupils have been working on a solo performance assignment which will count towards this assessment. Pupils should be practising their piece regularly at home to be ready for recording in class.

Media: The assessment will be based on one of the music videos studied in class and will check understanding of camera shots, and exploring connotations of choices made by producers.

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PE: Year 9 assessment in GCSE PE will draw upon all knowledge and content pupils have been learning since the start of the year, as part of small exam paper in class. It is important pupils are revising to help. This includes their books, BBC Bitesize and Seneca for AQA GCSE PE. Unit they should revise is Anatomy and Physiology.

Art: Assessments will include presenting their introduction, research and artwork on the theme of natural form sculpture.

Photography: Assessments will include presenting their introduction, research and photography on the theme of macro photography of structures

Sports Studies: Year 9 assessment in Sports Studies will draw upon content being taught for their coursework, where students will be asked to demonstrate this knowledge through written tasks for their coursework assignments. It is important pupils are reviewing work done already over the current unit and using time between now and the assessment week to ensure they are fully up to date in line with any class deadlines.

Child Development: We will be assessing knowledge of relationships and how to spot true or toxic relationships. Also, the many types of family that exist.

Health & Social Care: We will be assessing knowledge of types of health and social care settings and the rights that service users of these facilities have.

We wish the best of luck to all the Year 9s. If there are any questions about these assessments, students should talk to their class teacher for further information.

Yours sincerely

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