



23rd November 2017

Dear Parent /Carer

The week commencing the 27th November is assessment week for year 9 students. Their current progress will be assessed across all of their subjects and this will form the basis for the second round of monitoring. As part of the process students will be completing Progress Check assessments in English, Maths, Science, History and Geography, these will all take the form of more formal exam style tests based on the papers that students will sit in Year 11. Assessments in these subjects have been externally set for use in all schools across the Multi Academy Trust. This will help moderate and standardise the grades awarded giving students, parents and teachers a valid and accurate picture of current progress.

Teachers for all subjects will be making students aware of how and on what content they will be assessed in the lead up to assessment week; however included below is a summary of the assessments for the subjects mentioned along with how students can best prepare for these.

English:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	AQA English Language Paper 1. It is a 1 hour 45 minute paper.
The number and tariff of questions	Questions 1-4 are a reading response to a short printed fiction extract. The questions are worth 4, 8, 8 and 20 marks. Question 5 is a creative writing task worth 40 marks.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students will be working on examination skills and techniques in their English Language lessons.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Students will receive a series of tasks to complete at home over the next 2 weeks in preparation.

Maths:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	AQA GCSE Paper – Paper 2 Calculator, All maths topics on the scheme of work.
The number and tariff of questions	80 marks (Foundation 31 Questions & Higher 24 Questions).
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students will be having some revision lessons before the assessment and are encouraged to take extra work home before the assessment from the revision corner (Room 4).
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Ensure homework is complete and ask what they have learnt that week. Extra revision – www.corbettmaths.com

Science:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	There will be a Chemistry, Physics and Biology paper. They will contain all the topics they have covered so far this year so Cells, Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table and Energy.
The number and tariff of questions	There are 9 questions in total ranging from 1 mark source based questions to a 9 mark +3SPAG 'assess' style question.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Their current homework is revision sheets on these topics and more will be provided Monday so ensuring these are completed will benefit the students.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	

History:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	The assessment is 50 minutes and is based on the Paper 2 topic – Norman England 1066-1100 and will assess topics covered so far.
The number and tariff of questions	There will be five 8 marks questions and 4 marks for SPGT – total marks 44. There will be two interpretation evaluation questions.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students need to be clear on the advised approach to particular question styles, and how to structure responses. Students will receive condensed revision notes to use alongside their books.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Parents could assist by ensuring students use their Geography books to prepare revision materials like flash cards or mind maps.

Geography:

The Exam Paper / Unit the assessment is taken from	It is taken from paper 2 Challenges of the Human Environment It covers all the work on Urbanisation so far this year.
The number and tariff of questions	There are 9 questions in total ranging from 1 mark source based questions to a 9 mark +3 SPAG 'assess' style question.
How students are encouraged to prepare for the assessment	Students books are fully marked and being taken home to revise.
What parents could do at home to help students to prepare	Parents could assist by ensuring students use their Geography books to prepare revision materials like flash cards or mind maps.

If you have any questions or queries or would like some additional information about the above please let me know.

Yours faithfully

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