



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with an update on the upcoming 9 year assessment week, immediately after we return after the Christmas break.

All the preparation needed for the assessment week will be set via Show My HomeWork and resourced via MS TEAMS. In order to allow you to support your child with preparation, below is an outline of the topics being assessed:

	Year 9 Assessment Content
Art & Design	Art History and Culture Project
Computing	Set 1-1 and set 3-1 Cybersecurity and Python Set 1-2 Python Set 2-1 and set 3-2 and set 4-2 Cybersecurity and Web Development Set 2-2 Computer Science Skills and Cybersecurity Set 4-1 Python and Web Development
Design Tech Food	Nutrition, healthy eating with a focus on Street Food
Design Tech Textiles	Identity based design brief culminating in a constructed soft toy final piece
Design Tech RM	Amplifier design brief based on design movements and understanding electronics
Drama	Stage Fighting and Godber
English	Love and Conflict
Geography	Hydrology; Disease
History	The First World War
Mathematics	Set 1-1 and 1-2 Indices and standard form, Proportion, Linear and Quadratic Algebra Set 2-1 and 2-2 Factors and Multiples, Indices and Standard form, Ratio, Linear Algebra Set 3-1/3-2 and 3-3 Factors Primes Indices and Standard Form Linear Algebra
MFL Spanish	Food & eating out; free time & going out
Music	Composition of a piece of electronic dance music using the Soundtrap studio (Music Technology) and a short listening assessment based on the same genre.
PE	9x1 – Football 9x2 – Rugby 9x3 – Rugby 9x4 – Basketball 9x5 – Gymnastics 9x6 – Gymnastics 9x7 - Football
Religious Studies	Interfaith Dialogue
Science	‘Building blocks of our world’ – Cells, Energy and Earth’s atmosphere.



The tests will take place beginning 4th January. They will take place in lessons. Students should arrive to school with the normal equipment needed. Individual subject teachers will inform each class of when their specific assessment time/date is.

The year 9 parents evening is calendared for Thursday 9th December. This will be the ideal time to discuss any queries you may have around the assessment process and progress through the key stage 3 course.

If you have any questions around the assessment week, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I wish your child all the very best of luck with this assessment week.

Yours sincerely,

P Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher)



FAQ's

Q) Can/should my child prepare for the assessments?

- A) They should follow the advice/guidance/instructions from their teachers. Use the resources and tasks they have set. They should do as much preparation as the teachers advise them to do

Q) What if my child does badly?

- A) Assessments aren't about doing 'badly'. They tell your child, you and the school the strengths and areas for development. They inform us as to next steps advice.

Q) What happens with the results?

- A) Schools use the information to help us plan better lessons. The outcome of the assessments will also be reported home in the monitoring cycle.

Q) My child can't access SMHW or TEAMS, what should they do?

- a) Ask their tutor for help!! As a matter of urgency.