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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Exam weeks 5th to 16th December

I am writing to share information with you about the forthcoming exams. Your child has been given a copy of their exam timetable today and should have highlighted all of their exams. As classes have subjects at different times, the exams for a subject do not always happen on the same day for all students. Your child needs to highlight the exam which is scheduled for their class. Their class information can be found on their timetable. Where the subject is listed without a class code and in capital letters, for example: SCIENCE, students will be sitting this exam at the same time.

Exams will take place in the normal lesson time for that subject and in the classroom. Students must bring all their books and equipment for all lessons as per their school timetable. In Drama and Music your child will have a practical exam and no revision is required. Students will have an exam in either Music or Drama, depending on the subject they are currently studying. There will be no exams in Religious Studies, Personal Development or Forensic Reading. For other subjects teachers have set home learning tasks to support revision. Most subjects have suggested one to two hours of revision. Knowing what exam your child has on which day will help you to support them with planning their revision for each exam, using the materials and instructions provided on Satchel. The revision material departments have created will also be available on the year 9 parent page of the school website. You will also be able to find a copy of the exam timetables there in case your child loses their copy. As our year 9 cohort is divided into three populations, if you need to access a copy, you will need to choose the timetable that is the correct one for your child: X, Y or Z population. The population relates to the tutor group and information about which tutor groups are in which population will also be on the website.

Your child's performance in the exams will give teachers valuable information about how your child is progressing in their subject and about their ability to recall topics that have been studied in previous modules of work. The exam results will be used by teachers when they consider what information to give on the next Progress Check, but they will not be the only factor. Teachers will also use performance in classwork, home learning and recent class assessments to report progress.

In the spring term we will begin the process of year 9 students choosing the subjects that they want to study in Years 10 and 11. We will be holding a Year 9 Option Choices Evening on Thursday 19th January. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about the subjects on offer. On Thursday 2nd February there will be a Parents' Evening; in addition to discussing progress, this will be an opportunity to talk about potential subject choices with teachers.

If you have questions about any aspect of the Year 9 exams, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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