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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Assessment

You will know that we have changed the way that we report to parents this year. I hope that you have found it useful to see the specific information about how your child is doing compared to their year group. Alongside this we are changing the way that we assess the progress of students at Key Stage 3. As part of this, all Year 9 students will sit a series of assessments in the week beginning 25 March.

They will learn more about the specific nature of these assessments in the individual subjects that they are taught. Last week, in assemblies, Mr Samson introduced the idea that these assessments are coming for all Year 9 students. Each one will be summative test of their year so far; this means that anything that they have covered this year may come up as part of the assessment.

In order to fully demonstrate their ability in these assessments your child will need some support revising. They may well need some support from you to ensure they have a suitable space, and can organise their time to revise. Although there are many places you can find good quality advice about revision itself, it is worth me writing here that the purpose of revision is to help recall of information: it is an active process, not a passive one. In other words, students learn best by doing – actively working with information. Although some students might tell adults that they learn best by watching videos without taking notes, or only reading their exercise book, this is not good revision. You can find a good film on this here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk#zh38wnb>.

Whilst students can use their lesson materials and online platforms, we are going to put materials from each subject in a place that is accessible to students online. These materials will contain all that they need to help guide their revision: it will include information on all the topics studied so far in each subject area. We will send a letter to you next week with this link.

Each individual assessment will be done in your child's lessons, and students with extra time allowance will be given this within the lesson itself. If your child is in the Home Group their assessments will be done differently and Mrs Hadley will be in communication with you.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Hopkins
Assistant Headteacher