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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our second cycle of Key Stage 3 assessments for 2024-25 will begin on Monday 9th June and run for two weeks.

These are cross trust assessments, meaning students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will sit the same assessment as their peers in the three other secondary schools within the trust. This collaborative approach to assessment is one of the many benefits of being part of a trust as it will allow staff to share expertise, ensuring we are providing the best possible education for your child.

<u>Year 7 & 8</u>

Year 7 and 8 Assessments will be completed in the classroom during timetabled lessons. It is important that students arrive promptly to all lessons, this will allow them the maximum time to showcase what they have learned in each subject. They should also arrive fully equipped for their lesson. A reminder that our 'Ready to Learn' equipment can be purchased through Parent Pay.

<u>Year 9</u>

Year 9 Assessments in English, Maths and Science will take place in the classroom during timetabled lessons.

Year 9 students will only complete assessments for subjects they have selected to take in Year 10. For example, if a student has selected History but not selected Drama then they will complete the Year 9 History assessment but will not complete the Year 9 Drama assessment. All option subject assessments (meaning all subjects, except English, Maths and Science) will be completed in the sports hall and not in timetabled lessons.

Assessments will cover a range of topics and skills relevant to where they are in the curriculum and any gaps that were identified from the previous assessments will be assessed as well.

We hope that students demonstrate our school value of ambition by giving their best during this KS3 assessment window. It is important that students are revising the content they have been taught in lessons. We would encourage students to revise in short chunks of time, but to do so frequently.

Students have access to a range of online platforms to support their learning. For example, <u>Sparx Maths</u> and <u>GCSE Pod</u>. You can find out further information about these online platforms by visiting the <u>student life</u> section of our school website.

A reminder that our homework club is open 3pm – 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 3pm – 3.30pm on Friday. This club takes place in W2, where your child will be supported by staff in completing their homework and/or revision.

Assessment dates

The table below shows which week each assessment will take place. If you are unsure of the band or class number a student is in, this can be viewed on their timetable. For example, 7s/Ps3 means they are in Year 7, S Band, and class 3 for PSHE. Therefore, they would sit their PSHE assessment during week beginning 09/06/25.

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¥7		Y8		Y9	
09/09/2025		09/09/2025		09/09/2025	
Maths	All	Maths	All	Maths	All
English	All	English	All	Art	If selected
Drama	All	Music	All	Computing	If selected
Geography	All	Drama	W Band & S3	Food	If selected
Music	All	Geography	W Band	Geography	If selected
Art	All. Not \$2	Design Technology	\$1, \$3, W3	History	If selected
PSHE	S Band	Computing	S2, W4	Spanish	If selected
16/09/2025		Art	W1	16/09/202	5
Science	All	16/09/2025		Science	All
Computing	All	Science	All	English	All
Design Technology	All	History	All	Design Technology	If selected
History	All	Spanish	All	Music	If selected
Spanish	All	Art	All. Not W1		
PSHE	W Band	Computing	\$1, \$3, W1, W2, W3		
Art	\$2	Drama	S1 & S2		
		Geography	S Band		
		Design Technology	S2, W1, W2, W4		

If you have any questions about the upcoming KS3 assessment window, please contact the school via the MCAS app.

Yours sincerely,

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