

15 April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

During week commencing 20 April, we have the final Year 9 assessment week, when Year 9 students will have the opportunity to show what they have been learning as well as receiving feedback on areas they need to improve.

Following these assessments, you will receive the third report to show you what progress your child is making and how good their attitude towards learning is.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to revise for these assessments and also to arrive at school fully equipped. Revision resources, including revision lists and further details are available on Google Classroom or ClasCharts.

To help you understand what the assessments are about, here are some further details:

English: The pupils will be engaging in a piece of creative writing to showcase everything they have learned about technical accuracy in their grammar lessons before moving into dedicated GCSE English Language lessons. The pupils will have to show their acquisition of vocabulary, their ability to use paragraphing and punctuation correctly, and show that they can write for an extended amount of time.

Maths: All year 9 pupils will be sitting a GCSE foundation paper to assess their knowledge on topics taught during years 7, 8 and 9. This assessment will support appropriate groupings for years 10 and 11.

Science: Assessments will cover the topics of Atomic Structure, Infection and Response, Separating techniques and Science skills. They will consist of past paper questions with a range of difficulties to test pupil understanding of the topics taught since September.

Geography: Year 9 will complete an end of topic test on Tropical rainforests and a 10 mark 'Geog your memory' quiz on all the key points from topics covered so far this year. The 9 marker on tropical rainforests will assess the extent to which deforestation benefits the people living there.

History: The majority of the marks are awarded for an extending writing piece on factors contributing to the development of medicine c1000-present day. Prepare key examples of people and their discoveries for each of your chosen factors.

French/German: Healthy body- healthy planet! Students will be assessed on how well they can communicate on the topic of healthy living and protecting the environment.

Sociology: The assessment will consist of some short questions and one extended question. The extended question will link to 'functions of the family' and will give you an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of key thinkers Parsons, Zaretsky and Oakley. Here we are looking at different sociological perspectives of the functions of the family and how this best serves society.

Computer Science: The assessment will be similar in style to the final exam with a mix of theory content and practical programming. The first half of the assessment covers binary and hexadecimal notation, computer hardware and computational thinking. The second part of the assessment will include some practical programming tasks.

Core ICT: The assessment will consist of two parts. The first is a quiz based on the content from the year: choosing appropriate software, AI and Machine learning, and history of technology. The second part is a practical task assessing your skills using software and formatting documents so that they are fit for audience and purpose.

Media: Students will be comparing two newspaper covers: One we have seen in class, and one that they have not seen before. They will be comparing the way groups of people are represented.

Music: Pupils have been working on an ensemble performance assignment which will count towards this assessment. They should be rehearsing their pieces regularly at home to be ready for recording in class.

Drama: The assessment will be a piece performed in the style of Brecht's Epic Theatre and will be marked using the Component 1 performance criteria. Alongside this, students will complete a quiz to test their knowledge and understanding of our set text, *An Inspector Calls*, and important subject-specific terminology.

PE: The assessment includes anatomy and physiology, movement analysis and physical training.

Sport Studies: Year 9 assessment in Sports Studies will draw upon content being taught for their coursework, where students will be asked to demonstrate this knowledge through written tasks for their OAA coursework assignments. It is important pupils are reviewing work done already over their last unit and using time between now and the assessment week to ensure they are fully up to date with the upcoming final May deadline.

Health & Social Care: Year 9 will be assessed on the safety and security of service users and how these things are in place to protect everybody. Also, the different life stages from infancy to older adulthood.

Child Development: Year 9 will be assessed on the different stages of labour and what happens during these stages. Also, different methods of delivery and assistance that can be given to somebody in labour and the newborn checks that a doctor or midwife might perform on a newborn baby have also been covered.

Travel & Tourism: Year 9s will be completing their first piece of coursework by planning a trip to Cardiff based on a specific visitor profile.

We wish the best of luck to all the Year 9s. If there are any questions about these assessments, students should talk to their class teacher for further information.

Yours sincerely



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