

## Year 9 Formal Examinations

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13<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Parent

I would just like to remind you that the Year 9 formal examinations are scheduled for the week commencing February 23<sup>rd</sup>. A copy of the timetable will be available shortly and will be found on the school website.

As you may already be aware, assessment of GCSE performance is becoming more and more focused on terminal examinations. With this in mind, we have planned these more formal Year 9 examinations so that the pupils start early to gain experience of revision techniques and examination protocol. We therefore expect all pupils to prepare for their examinations in a positive and productive manner and use their normal Home Learning time to make sure that they have used the revision material effectively.

Your child's teachers will provide details of what they need to revise for each subject and revision materials will be made available on Moodle which can be found on the school website. It is hoped that pupils will be provided with a suitable place at home in which to undertake their examination preparation and that they will be encouraged to allocate some time for revision purposes.

The marks and subsequent levels gained from each examination will represent only a single assessment for the year and pupils will receive all their examination outcomes at the same time on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March when a results sheet will be given to them to bring home. This will be followed up by the issue of a full report on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March which will show current attitude grades and levels for the year to date. This will be posted on the SIMS Learning Gateway.

Should you have any concerns please contact subject teachers directly at the school via:

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Yours sincerely

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