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28th February 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Between Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th March, Year 9 pupils will sit exams in English, Maths and Science. These exams will take place at the following times:

These exams are to check the progress of your son or daughter before they enter year 10 and will allow teachers to assess the most appropriate GCSE class and level your child should be placed at, for the start of KS4, in June 2024.

Subject	Band A	Band B	Band C
English	Tues 26 th March, P2	Mon 25 th March, P1	Mon 25 th March, P1
Science	Weds 27 th March, P1	Weds 27 th March, P2	Weds 27 th March, P2
Maths	Mon 25 th March, P2	Tues 26 th March, P1	Tues 26 th March, P3

Furthermore, both teachers and pupils will be able to assess any potential gaps in knowledge and skills they need to work on, so we can support with their move into Key Stage 4.

The exams will help pupils understand the rigour needed and help them prepare for the coming GCSE examinations in 2026. We will follow normal exam expectations for these exams. We hope that you will appreciate and understand the importance of these exams and the value in having this experience.

Please can you speak to your child about the importance of revising and preparing properly to ensure they complete the exams to the best of their abilities.

If you have any questions, please contact either me, or the Year 9 Pupil Progress Lead, Mr Horner.

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Yours faithfully,

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