

Dear Parent/Carer,

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**Re: End of Year Exams: Years 9, 10 and 12**

Following our Public Exam period, we are going to begin the End of Year exams or assessments, for Years 9, 10 and 12. Exam timetables will be given to students next half term which will tell them the length of exam, location for their exam and whether it is an exam or in-class assessment.

The exam period will begin in mid-June and more specific plans will be communicated with you in due course. The assessments or exams are a way of us taking stock of where the students have most effectively learned their curriculum and where there may be gaps in their knowledge, so that we can support them best transform their lives and to live their life in all its fullness.

**Year 9:** The majority of End of Year exams for year 9 will be in class assessments, however, there will be exams for English, Maths, Science and RE, conducted in the Sports' Hall and Gym. Exams will cover their curriculum from the year, supporting them to begin to see the progression to KS4 and their GCSEs. These assessments and exams will be used to baseline the students ahead of their GCSEs and will supporting in settings for next year where subjects use set rather than mixed ability.

**Year 10:** Year 10 will have some additional mock assessments, which will cover further content that has been learned this year. They will also offer an opportunity to demonstrate progression in their learning since their last mock exam. Not all subjects will be examined, and some will use the time for coursework and practical elements of their subject. Further details will be shared, but the following subjects have selected to do mock exams:

Drama  
French and Spanish  
RE  
Art  
Computer Science and IT  
Citizenship  
English  
Geography  
Maths  
Business

**Year 12:** Year 12 will have mock exams in their chosen subjects except for Health and Social Care and Business given coursework requirements. These exams will offer the students an opportunity to practise exam technique and to take stock of where they are in the courses to date. We are working with students to best support them ahead of these exams.

We thank you for all of your continued support, and we wish you and your families all the very best over the half term.

Yours faithfully,

Ms D Finlay – **Vice Principal**