

December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 9 Options Exams January 2024

In the week beginning Monday 15th January, Year 9 exams will take place for most of the Option subjects; and attached to this letter you will find a timetable of exams for the week. Students will have exams in the following subjects: Citizenship, Computing, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Languages, and RE. Art, DT, Drama and Music will assess in a more continuous way. Students will sit exams in their core subjects in June.

It is important students prepare thoroughly for these exams as, not only do they provide invaluable experience for future GCSE exams, they will also be useful in guiding GCSE options decisions taking place in late February/early March. To help students prepare, you will find attached an overview of each exam, what should be revised and how. Approaches to retention and revision will be shared with students through lessons in an ongoing way, however you may also find this blog useful in helping you to discuss strategies with your child: [Top 10 Revision Strategies \(theconfidentteacher.com\)](https://theconfidentteacher.com/top-10-revision-strategies).

Normal homework will be suspended from Monday 8th January through the exam period, to allow for focused and meaningful revision exercises to be completed.

Your support in helping your child prepare for these upcoming exams is appreciated and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,



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