

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL



Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## Year 9 Assessment Fortnight - Monday 20th April to Friday 1st May 2020

I am writing to inform you of an important period which is coming up for all Year 9 students. As per the Key Stage 3 Key Dates information that was sent out at the start of the school year, Year 9 Assessment Fortnight will take place from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

Throughout this period, all Year 9 students will be completing assessments in each of their subjects. There will be formal examination style tests in the following subjects: Maths, English, History, RE, Computing and their Modern Foreign Language. For your information, the dates of the formal assessments are shown below and students will also receive their own copy in due course. For those subjects not listed, students will be completing an assessment during their normal timetabled lessons. Students will be advised by their teachers when these will take place.

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April (Compressed Day)	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
	9.00 – 10.45 <b>English</b> (1hr 45 mins)	9.00 – 10.30 Maths (1hr 30 mins)	Maths Challenge	9.00 – 10.00 <b>Languages</b> (1 hr )
	11.20 – 12.20 Computing (50 mins)	11.20 – 12.30 History (50 mins)	11.00 – 12.30 Maths (1hr 30 mins)	10.00 – 11.00 <b>RE</b> (1 hr)

These assessments will generate a final flight path for each subject and play an important role in predicting Key Stage 4 outcomes (GCSEs). Furthermore, they will guide teachers to appropriate levels and groups at Key Stage 4. Parents will be informed of the outcomes via SIMS Parent on Friday 26th June.

I know that you will want to support your child in these assessments and I would like to ask you to reinforce the key messages that I have been giving to the students; firstly, that they should be taking on board all the guidance and advice that their teachers are giving them and secondly, having the correct stationery and equipment which are vital components for success in any form of assessment. Revision guidance will also be available on our website soon.

Should you have any queries regarding the forthcoming assessment fortnight, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Langstone, Head of Year 9.

Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you of the date for your Year 9 Celebration Evening which is taking place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. More details will follow nearer the time, but please save the date for this very special event.

Yours faithfully

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