

Year 9 Information for Parents



We hope the information in this newsletter will provide you with some helpful information about Year 9. You will see from the details below that your child has non-core mock exams in December and we have included revision information for you to discuss with your child. (The core subjects are Mathematics, Science and English). An important date next term is the Options Evening on 31st January and Academic Tutoring Day on 9th February. In the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school, either by writing a note in your child's student planner, or by contacting the school via e-mail.

Miss J. Hicks,
Key Stage 3 Leader.

• Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th December	Mock Exams
• Friday 21 st January 2022	Reports and Mock Results Issued
• Monday 31 st January	Options Information Evening
• Wednesday 9 th February	Academic Tutoring
• Friday 4 th March	Options Form Deadline
• Tuesday 24 th May	'Learn to Earn' Day
• Monday 13 th June to Friday 17 th June	Core Exams
• Friday 8 th July	Year 9 End of Key Stage 3 Report issued

Year 9 Non-core Mock Exams

From Monday 6th to Friday 10th December students in Year 9 will sit mock exams in non-core subjects. These formal assessments will be conducted in normal lessons. An overview of the scheduled exams is shown below.

Subject	Topics of Study	Important Information
French Reading and writing 50 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School subjects • Opinions • School uniform • School facilities • Clothes • Jobs / places of work • personality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short answers • Labelling items • Matching French and English • Adapting sentences. • Writing French using a sentence builder • Translating into French
German Reading: 30 minutes Translation & Writing: 30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries • Details of a past holiday • Jobs • Characteristics • (Pocket) money 	The Reading Paper will contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehension • Short answers • Matching German/English The Writing Paper will contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation from English to German and German to English • A Writing task about jobs, characteristics and money
Geography 45 minutes	Topics since September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map Skills • Our Restless Planet (Tectonics) • Energy 	GCSE style questions. A mixture of GCSE style short and long answers questions. Year 9 revision will be available on Google Classroom
History Knowledge + Explanation 35 minutes Interpretation 15 minutes	The changing role of women in the UK and IOM 1888 - 1928 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in Victorian England • Women and the vote – IOM + UK • Women and the Great War 	Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minutes multiple choice knowledge Explanation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes written iGCSE style essay Interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes source comprehension question The exam will take place over 2 lessons

Equipment: Black ink pen, pencil, ruler, rubber are needed for all exams.

Schedule

My exam timetable is:

Subject	Paper	Date of Exam
French	Reading	
	Writing	
German	Reading	
	Writing	
Geography		
History	Multiple choice	
	IGCSE Style Essay	
	Source Comprehension	

Your Notes

Top Revision Tips!

Make a plan!

Starting early and making a revision plan is a great way to make exams less stressful.

You can download a revision planner from www.oxfordsecondary.co.uk/revision



Find a quiet place

Find a quiet space at home or at school where you can work without being disturbed.



Stay healthy

Studying requires brain power, so make sure you fuel your brain with healthy meals and snacks.



Make it work for you

The way you revise best may be different to how your friend does, so find what works best for YOU.



Practice makes perfect

Test yourself at the end of a topic and use exam-style questions to see how you're getting on. Going through past papers is a great way to prepare.



Get support from family & friends

Get support from family and friends. Let them know when you need space and time to study.



Take regular breaks

Schedule short breaks and give your brain a rest once in a while.

Reward yourself when you've completed a task to keep yourself motivated.



Use **kerboodle**

Kerboodle is packed with digital support materials and exam practice to help you succeed.

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