



29th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Re: Year 9 Trial Examinations - 15th to 19th January 2024

At the bottom of this email you will see a copy of the Year 9 Trial Examinations Timetable. This can also be viewed on the school website and is available in school on the 'Exams Noticeboard'. For ease of reference students are advised to save a screenshot of the timetable on their iPad. The key points to be aware of are:

- Most exams will take place in mini-schools in Main Hall.
- Exams shown in blue will usually take place in the student's regular classroom.
- Exams will be overseen by teaching staff.
- Exams will last 50 minutes. Students eligible for additional time will receive this *or* the paper will be adapted (eg by reducing the number of questions) to accommodate this.
- After each examination students will be dismissed to their normal lessons, break or home depending on the time of day.
- When not completing exams students will follow their normal timetable (including PE lessons – please remember PE kit).
- Students are expected to write in black ink and must bring all the necessary equipment for the exams, including, but not limited to: calculator, ruler, spare pens and pencils.

Students should liaise with their class teachers regarding the content of each exam and any preparation/revision that should be completed. Short, concentrated periods of revision are best and students are advised to prepare a revision timetable and keep to it. Students will be given further instructions outlining the procedures they must follow before the exams begin.

The results will be used, along with other on-going assessment, to identify gaps in learning and to grade current progress towards MEAs. These grades may also help students to choose subject options for KS4 by giving an indication of possible outcomes in each subject. Detailed information about the Year 9 options process will be released in the final week of this half term.

If there are any questions regarding the exam timetable, students should contact their personal tutor or the Exams Office located opposite Main Hall.

Yours faithfully

Mr Stone
Executive Officer: Exams, Assessment & Curriculum

Year 9 Trial Exams Timetable 15th to 19th January 2024

	Mon 15th Jan	Tue 16th Jan	Wed 17th Jan	Thu 18th Jan	Fri 19th Jan
Period 1	F Mini School English	S Mini School Maths Paper 1	F Mini School Science	F Mini School French	S Mini School Maths Paper 2
Period 2	S Mini School English	F Mini School Maths Paper 1	S Mini School Science	<i>All Year 9 Normal Lessons</i>	F Mini School Maths Paper 2
Period 3	All Year 9 EPR	S Mini school German	All Year 9 Computing	<i>All Year 9 Normal Lessons</i>	All Year 9 History
Period 4	<i>All Year 9 Normal Lessons</i>	<i>All Year 9 Normal Lessons</i>	<i>All Year 9 Normal Lessons</i>	<i>All Year 9 Normal Lessons</i>	<i>All Year 9 Normal Lessons</i>
Period 5	S Mini School Spanish	F Mini School German	All Year 9 Geography	S Mini School Art	F Mini School Art

If a subject studied in Year 9 is not shown on the timetable this will not have a formal examination at this time.

For all Main Hall exams (shown in yellow or green):

Students should line up in alphabetical order, according to the set they are in for the subject they are about to be tested on.

Students should line up in the 'Outside Quad' area between Science and LC8 at the following times:

Period 1 Exam - Leave am registration at 8:45.

Period 2 Exam - Leave period one lesson at 9:45.

Period 5 Exam - Line up immediately after lunch.

In extreme weather students will be advised to line up in Henry's Diner.

For in-classroom exams (shown in blue) at:

Period 3/5 Exam - Go to your usual lesson classroom promptly from break/lunch.

All exams will be 50 minutes long.

Students should speak to their class teachers regarding exam content.