



2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

**Re: Year 9 Trial Examinations – 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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 Main Hall.
- 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. We will communicate with parents towards the end of term to provide an overview of what will be assessed in each topic in order for parents to support their child's revision as the exams approach.

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 January 2026

	Tue 13th Jan	Wed 14th Jan	Thu 15th Jan	Fri 16th Jan
Period 1	Maths Paper 1	English	Science	Maths Paper 2
Period 2	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	<i>Normal Lessons</i>
Period 3	EPR	Geography	History	Spanish & French
Period 4	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	<i>Normal Lessons</i>
Period 5	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	German	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	<i>Normal Lessons</i>

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

**Please Note:** *There will be a formal exam for Computing and it will take place in Computing lessons the following week.*

*Art and Technology exams will also be completed in lesson time - students should see their teachers for revision materials and exam schedule.*

### **For all Main Hall exams (shown in 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 8:40.

Period 3 Exam - Line up immediately after break.

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

All exams will be 50 minutes long.

Students should speak to their class teachers regarding exam content.