

Dear Parent/Carer

On Thursday 31st May, Year 9 will sit their In-class tests for English, Maths and Science. With the changes to the structure of the GCSEs, and the movement to linear courses, the ability of students to perform to the best of their ability in an exam will be more important than ever. To recreate the experience students will get in Key Stage 4, we have organised the In-class tests to follow a specific timetable. The school day will run as usual, but Year 9 will have their lunch a little later at 12.52pm. Students will be expected to spend some time preparing and revising for subsequent tests when they finish each session. An overview of the scheduled in-class tests is shown below:

Thursday 31st May

	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8
A Band	Maths		English		Lunch	Science	
B Band	Maths		English		Lunch	Science	
C Band	Maths		English		Lunch	Science	

E Band will follow the same schedule as above.

A Band: 9CR5, 9CR7, 9HL5 and 9MC3;

B Band: 9LT3, 9MY2 and 9PY6;

C Band: 9HK7, 9LC9 and 9PD4.

Yours sincerely

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Year 9		
Subject	Topics of Study	Example/s of type/s of questions to expect
English 1 hour	Reading Exam: Speech analysis	Students will answer one question, which will be based upon the Inspector's final speech in An Inspector Calls. There will be bullet points provided to structure their response. Students will need to write about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Priestley uses language to powerfully convey the Inspector's feelings and opinions.• How Priestley also uses structural devices to convey these feelings and opinions.• The purpose of the speech.
Science 70 minutes	Students will complete a single paper consisting of the following topics: Biology: Cells (B1), Movement In and Out of Cells (B2), Biological Molecules (B3) & Plant Nutrition (B4) Chemistry: Planet Earth (C1), The Nature of Matter (C2), Elements and Compounds (C3) and Chemical Reactions (C4) Physics: Making Measurements (P1), Describing Motion (P2), Forces and Motion (P3), Forces and matter (P5) and Energy (P6)	Section A- 20 marks of Multiple Choice Questions. Section B- 30 marks of Short Answer Questions. Section C- 20 marks of Alternative to Practical Questions (PAP).

<p>Maths</p> <p>1 hour 15 minutes</p>	<p>The exam is based on work studied throughout Key Stage 3, but mainly Year 9. The assessment is in two parts. The first section is out of 60 marks and the second section out of 30. The second section does not form part of the overall grade, it is only to provide additional practise.</p> <p>Topics to revise include:</p> <p>Set 3:</p> <p>Rounding 3D shapes (edges, faces, vertices) Time calculations Charts (interpreting & drawing) Probability 2D shapes Money problems Reading scales Metric conversions Area Expressions Symmetry</p> <p>Extra for Set 2:</p> <p>Equations Averages Speed calculations Formulae Ratio Area of a circle Speed Distance Time</p> <p>Extra for Set 1:</p> <p>Percentages Scatter graphs Best value Pythagoras</p> <p>Extra for Extended:</p> <p>Box plots Equation of a circle 3D Pythagoras</p>	<p>Problem solving style questions.</p> <p>Students can use old tests from Year 7, 8 and 9 to revise the question styles.</p> <p>These can be found online at: www.emaths.co.uk</p>
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Equipment: Black ink pen, pencil, ruler, rubber are needed for all tests.