

Year 9 Information for Parents

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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). Two important dates next term are the Options Evening on 4th February and Academic Tutoring day on 13th 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.

• Tuesday 11 th & Wednesday 12 th December	Mock Exams
• Friday 25 th January 2019	Reports and Mock Results Issued
• Thursday 31 st January	Careers Day
• Friday 1 st February	'Learn to Earn' Day
• Monday 4 th February	Options Information Evening
• Wednesday 13 th February	Academic Tutoring
• Friday 8 th March	Options Forms Deadline
• Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Core Exams
• Thursday 4 th July	Year 9 End of Key Stage 3 Report issued
• Monday 15 th to Thursday 18 th July	Enrichment Week

Year 9 Non-core Mock Exams

On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December students in Year 9 will sit mock exams in non-core subjects. To recreate the experience students will get in Key Stage 4, we have organised the exams to follow a specific timetable and will take place in a central venue. The school day will run as usual, but Year 9 will have their lunch a little later at 12.52pm on Tuesday 11th. Students will be expected to spend some time preparing and revising for subsequent tests when they finish each session. An overview of the scheduled exams is shown on the next page.

All sessions will be run using regulations which are set by the Examination Boards. Students will be told:

- You will not be allowed to talk
- Mobiles and watches are not allowed
- Your pens and pencils will have to be in a clear pencil case, or loose on the desk
- You will sit in seat allocated to you
- Invigilators, not your teachers, will run the examination venue.

This will help you prepare for external examinations in Years 10 and 11.

Subject	Topics of Study	Important Information
French Reading: 35 minutes Writing: 35 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School subjects • Opinions • School uniform • School facilities • School rules • Clothes • Buying and returning clothes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short answers • True/false • Labelling items • Matching French and English • Adapting sentences • Writing short sentences • Writing a longer paragraph
German Combined exam paper: 1 hour & 15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries • Details of a past holiday • Past and future tenses • Clothes • Colours and descriptions • Jobs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short answers • True/false • Labelling items • Matching German and English • Comprehension • Translation – English to German and German to English • Extended writing 50 or 100 words
Geography 1 hour & 15 minutes	Topics since September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restless Planet • Extreme Weather 	GCSE style questions. A mixture of short, single sentence answers and longer paragraphed answers. Year 9 revision section from www.geog.biz
History 1 hour & 15 minutes	Jack the Ripper. Suffragists & Suffragettes	Part 1: 3 iGCSE style questions about Suffragettes: 4, 6, 10 marks. Students will need to revise this topic thoroughly. They will need to know the difference between Suffragettes and Suffragists, and how they helped women get the vote. The 10 mark answer is an essay and should be a balanced answer with points both for and against the statement. Part 2: 3 source based questions about Jack the Ripper. The sources are a mixture of picture and written sources, and will relate to everything studied in class.

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

Exam Schedule

Tuesday 11th December:

Period	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8
Subject	History		French		Lunch	Geography	

Wednesday 12th December:

Period	Period 2	Period 3
Subject	German General English Manx	

Checklist

My exam venue is:

I have:

- A pen with black ink
- A pencil
- A rubber
- A ruler

Your Notes

Year 9 Extra-Curricular Activities

Monday:

Club:	Time:	Teacher:	Room:	Year Groups:
Basketball (Intermediate)	After school	DB	Sports Hall	9, 10
Chess Club	First lunch	PW	M1	7, 9, 11
Dance Club	After school	FDC	B1	All
ICT Support	Break		L12	All
KS3 Yoga Club	After school	DJB	Gym	8, 9
Girls Hockey	After school	APH	NSC	9
Boys Rugby	After school	MAL	Field	9
SUMT (Scripture Union)	After school		K2	All

Tuesday:

Club:	Time:	Teacher:	Room:	Year Groups:
Art Club	First lunch	JCF	Y2	7, 9, 11
ICT Support	Break	Various	L12	All
Maths Homework Club	First lunch	JLM	D6	7, 9, 11
Microsoft Club	First lunch	LSH	L6	9
Origami Club	First lunch	BAL	D4	7, 9, 11
Vivace (Wind Band)	After school	REC	M6	All
Xenakis (Girls Choir)	Break	REC	M6	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Wednesday:

Club:	Time:	Teacher:	Room:	Year Groups:
Balla Book Worms	First lunch	RA	Fiction Library	7,9,11,12,13
Girls Football	After school	MS	Bowl	9, 10
ICT Support	Break	Various	L12	All
KS3 English Support	First lunch	EMD	S3	7, 9
Boys Rugby	After school	MAL	Field	9
Strings	After school	EC	D2	All
Voltaire Society	After school	SDP	Lecture Theatre	9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Write Club	After school	Ros Stimpson	S7	All

Thursday:

Club:	Time:	Teacher:	Room:	Year Groups:
Art Club	First lunch	MMK	H1	7, 9
Debate Club	After school	APC	L4	All
ICT Support	Break		L12	All
KS3 Textiles Club	After school	JL	R2	7, 8, 9
Maths Homework Club	First lunch	JLM	D6	7, 9, 11
Shelfie	First lunch	RA	Fiction Library	7, 9, 11, 12, 13
Skate Club	After school	CZB	Dome	All
Xenakis (Girls Choir)	After school	REC	M6	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
YouTube Club	First lunch	LHC	L10	7, 9

Friday:

Club:	Time:	Teacher:	Room:	Year Groups:
Girls Rugby	After school	FD	Field	7, 8, 9
ICT Support	Break	Various	L12	All

Please note: PE activities will change, dependent upon the sporting season