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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 assessments in English, Maths and Science

We are writing to let you know about some in-school assessments which will take place next week in English, maths and science.

These are externally set skills assessments and are not anything for your children to be worried about or feel they should have revised for in advance. It is simply for us to see where the year group is regarding their knowledge base and to help us to evaluate the impact of the KS3 curriculum. These are routinely carried out by many schools at the end of Year 9, but we wanted to let you know they will be happening on Thursday 23 April, Friday 24 April and Monday 27 April, in the morning.

The children have been told they will be sitting the assessments and to meet at 08:30 promptly in the canteen on these dates. They should already have the following, but have been reminded that they need the following equipment for each of the assessments:

- For all tests, they need a pen, pencil, sharpener and rubber.
- For the Science test, they also need a scientific calculator and ruler.
- For the Maths test, they will need this calculator and ruler, as well as a protractor and compass.

We will write to you later in the term about the end of year tests, which the students will prepare for in lessons and tutor time, with revision activities and timetables provided. These end of year tests will be used to help support class placements in Year 10 and identify where support and challenge should be provided.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Sandra Gordon
Head of Year 9

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Katherine Walsh
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