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Dear Parents

As you may be aware from the school calendar, the second Year 9 Assessments begin on Monday 25 April. Students will be provided with a timetable so that they are aware of what assessments they have on each day: this will be emailed to students and posted on their Google Classroom before students break up for the Easter holiday.

Please note that due to the distribution of lessons across the 2-week timetable some assessments may be held in the following week; this will be made clear on the timetable.

All of the assessments will be held in the classroom and will be approximately 45 minutes long. Students who normally have extra support and access arrangements in place will receive these for the assessments. All students will be provided with advice and guidance on how to prepare for the assessments from their subject teachers both in lessons and on Google Classroom.

Your support and encouragement in helping your child to be successful in these assessments is vital. You can help them by:

- encouraging good sleep habits.
- ensuring they eat healthily and get exercise and fresh air.
- working with them to set up positive routines with their revision.

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on the GCSE options process. All students have now had a full 6 weeks of information about post-16 choices, careers, what all of our GCSE subjects look like and how to make their selections. Over the Easter holidays I encourage you to continue these conversations with your child to help with this important decision. On return to school students will be given detailed information about how to complete the online application process, so please don't worry about this yet.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Robinson
Deputy Headteacher

