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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Internal Tests

Your child has been entered for Key Stage 3 internal tests. These tests will take place between Tuesday 2 May and Monday 8 May and week beginning 22 May 2017. The Key Stage 3 tests are designed to test pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Key Stage 3 programmes of study in English, Mathematics, Religious Studies and Science. Continuous in-class assessments will also take place until the end of June, all of which are very important and will be used to group students for the following academic year. In addition, all students will sit an IT test before the end of the school year. Please ensure that your child understands what will be covered in the tests. It is essential that all pupils attend school on the days of the tests.

The examinations will take place at the following times:

Tuesday 2 May: 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm English Reading Paper 1
Wednesday 3 May: 10.45 am – 11.45 am RE Paper (Vocation)
Thursday 4 May: 10.45 am – 11.45 am Science Paper
Friday 5 May: 1.15pm – 2.30pm Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)
Monday 8 May: 10.45 pm – 11.30 am English Writing Paper 2
Week commencing 22 May: Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)

Please encourage your child to note carefully the dates and times of the tests. Students will be told the venue for each exam closer to the date.

It is essential that your child is familiar with the following instructions:

Must arrive in time for the start of each test;

Must arrive with the correct equipment as instructed by their subject teacher;

Equipment for English Paper 1: Pens, Pencils, pencil sharpeners and coloured pens for highlighting the reading extracts;

Equipment for Maths Papers 1 and 2: As well as pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers, pupils taking the maths tests must bring a ruler, a protractor, a pair of compasses and, for paper 2 only, a calculator;

Equipment for the Science Tests: As well as pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers, all students must bring a ruler, calculator and a protractor.

Students are not to take into the test room any unauthorised materials or equipment such as calculator cases, bags and coats, pencil cases that are not transparent, mobile phones, iPods, Smartwatches, MP3/4 players or food. Water may be taken in a clear plastic bottle with a sports top lid.

For the Maths Calculator Exam taking place week beginning 22 May, students will be informed directly by their teachers of the exact date and period of their exam and this information will also be available on the Maths Department noticeboard.

There are a range of resources available to support students with their revision including the BBC KS3 Bitesize website, CGP Key Stage 3 Revision guides which can be purchased from most good book shops, appropriate science revision guides which are available from the Science department at a cost of £4.00, SAM Learning and mymaths.co.uk (login: hagley and password: problem).

We wish all candidates every success.

Yours faithfully

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