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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 exams

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy New Year. The announcement made by the Prime Minister on Monday has led to arrangements for the Year 9 exams having to be changed. With that in mind, I wish to appraise you of the revised procedures for our Year 9 pupils with regards to their January exams.

We are keen to provide an opportunity for pupils to act upon the revision that they have done over Christmas and to see the value of their endeavors. We cannot run the exams as we had intended, so instead we will hold a **Year 9 assessment window from Monday 11th January to Friday 22nd January**. These assessments will have the benefit for the pupils of their teachers being able to provide valuable feedback on their work. In addition these assessments will allow pupils to understand some of the demands of subjects at GCSE. The parameters of the assessment window and reporting points are as follows:

- Assessments will be set by teachers on Google Classroom on the day of their lesson with Year 9
- If pupils have more than one lesson with a teacher, the teacher will let their class know when the assessment will be set via Google Classroom, other lessons will continue as normal, working through content
- For Period 1-4 lessons the papers should be set by 8:55am on the day of the exam
- For Period 5 and 6 lessons papers will be set by 12:30pm
- Pupils will be given 24 hours to complete their assessments to allow them enough time to access the relevant resources and to allow for any breakdown in technology at home
- Each assessment will contain clear guidance on how long should be spent on the paper and how work should be handed in

The results of these assessments will be communicated to parents via the Spring Term report and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the results of these assessments at the parents evening scheduled for 4th March. In addition these assessments will help the pupils themselves as they consider their option choices for next year.

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We very much appreciate your ongoing support and thank you in advance for continuing to work with us in the provision of remote education of our pupils.

Yours sincerely,
Mr H Pandya
Assistant Headteacher

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