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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 9 Exams

It has been a long and exhausting term, and we know that pupils are very much looking forward to the Christmas break as a well deserved chance to switch off from school and have some relaxation time. We are aware that some pupils find it difficult to switch off and will be thinking about and even worrying about the year 9 exams that will take place in the middle of January.

To reassure you, I wanted to let you know that we have plenty of preparation time for these exams when we return to school in January, and while they do provide us with useful information about progress in subjects, they will not be used as the main basis for options choices. Pupils will receive a wide range of guidance on making these decisions in the Spring, and we do not use the results of these exams as any kind of determining factor in the KS4 choices pupils take.

When we return in January teachers will provide revision lists and revision resources to help pupils prepare, but it is not protective of pupils' mental wellbeing for these to be used over the Christmas break. As such, please let your child know that there is no requirement or expectation from school that they do any revision or work over the break - we really want them to put their school bag away, relax and enjoy some festive fun with friends, family and their community.

With best wishes

Mrs Langston
Assistant Headteacher

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