

December 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

**Re: Year 9 Options Exams January 2025**

In the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, Year 9 exams will take place for most of the Option subjects: Citizenship, Computing, Geography, History, Music, Modern Foreign Languages, and RE. Attached to this letter you will find a timetable of exams for the week.

Students will sit exams in their core subjects in June; and Art, DT and Drama will assess in a more continuous way, rather than through an exam.

It is important students prepare thoroughly for these exams, as, not only do they provide invaluable experience for future GCSE exams, they will also be useful in guiding GCSE options decisions and this takes place in late February/early March. To help students prepare, you will find attached an overview of each exam, what should be revised and how. Approaches to retention and revision will be shared with students through lessons in an ongoing way, however you may also find this blog useful in helping you to discuss strategies with your child: [Top 10 Revision Strategies \(theconfidentteacher.com\)](https://theconfidentteacher.com).

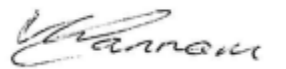
Normal homework will be suspended from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January through the exam period to allow for focused and meaningful revision exercises to be completed.

Your support in helping your child prepare for these upcoming exams is appreciated and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,



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