



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Friday 20th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 P3 Assessment Information

Next half term your son/daughter will be sitting their periodic 3 (P3) assessments. These assessments allow us to measure the progress your son/daughter has made since the T1 assessments in March.

During the half term break students should be preparing for these assessments and have been provided with revision guidance. Could I please ask that you encourage your son/daughter to revise at home on a regular basis over the next few weeks. This will allow them to demonstrate what they know in the assessments and help them build future foundations for revision patterns as they move into year 10. This will stand them in good stead for future assessments and public examinations.

The assessment window will run from **Monday 30th October to Friday 10th November**. Subject assessments will be taking place in Mathematics, English, Science and French.

On the attached sheet I have added details of revision materials that your sons/daughters know about. Using these resources as part of their revision will help them feel well prepared for the forthcoming assessments.

If you have any questions about the P3 assessments please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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English

- 1. Writing-** they will be given a picture prompt and they will be asked to write 5 descriptive paragraphs based on the picture. They should revise synchronised sentences, figurative language devices (similes, metaphors, personification) and vocabulary. At home, they can practice for the assessment by focusing on any picture. They should choose 5 items in the picture to describe. The assessment will also assess student's understanding of homophones (their/there/know/ which/witch) and apostrophes.
- 2. Reading-** students will be given a short unseen extract from 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. The extract will either be on Mr Hyde or setting. Students need to include historical context and revise additional quotes from the rest of the text. They should learn two additional quotes for setting and two additional quotes for Mr Hyde.

Practice papers can be found on the BC website: www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-college/curriculum/english

Mathematics

Students have been given a topic list to revise from. The main areas of testing will be on:

Number

- Operations with numbers including decimals
- Fractions and percentages
- Factors, multiples and primes.

Algebra

- Simplifying and substituting into expressions
- Solving Equations
- Plotting co-ordinates and straight line graphs
- Linear sequences

Shape

- Area and perimeter of 2d shapes including circles
- Angle rules

Data

- Averages
- Representing data using graphs

Revision can be carried out using the www.vle.mathswatch.co.uk and the username is the same as students mymaths username@bishopchalloner and the password is bishop. Students should highlight the topics within the list they have most difficulty with and watch the clips on mathswatch for these topics. Students should then practice questions on these topics after watching the videos.

Science

Students should revise the following topics using the online kerboodle resource and their exercise books.

P3 Content

Paper 1	Paper 2
Food chains and energy flow	Effect of exercise on heart rate
Respiration – aerobic and anaerobic	Leaf structure
Plant minerals and photosynthesis	Photosynthesis and chemosynthesis
Objects in the Universe	Weathering and rock formation
Phases of the moon	Extraction of metals from ores
Renewable and non-renewable energy	Reactions of metals and reactivity series
Heat transfer	Days, nights and seasons
Structure of the Earth and atmosphere	Temperature and energy transfer
Solutions	Calculating the cost of electricity
Reactions of metals with acid and oxygen	Work done calculations

French

Students have access to a range of websites on which they can practise French. From grammar skills to vocabulary learning and revisions, we have something for you. We would like to direct parents towards frenchbc.weebly.com - this is Bishop Challoner MFL department's own website. You will find some help, homework or links to videos there.

At the moment Year 9 are studying the topic related to family and friendship. They have access to Kerboodle and Vocabexpress which grant them access to a digital copy of their text book and many resources and grammar practice as well. Students should not wait the last minute to come and see their teachers to ask for their login details as much of the revision is based on these websites. For P3, students will be required to show off their skills in listening and reading but also be able to identify and adapt grammar points and vocabulary on the current topics of family and friendship.