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Year 9 Transition 2 Assessments:

Dear Parents /Carers

I am writing to you to remind you that Year 9 Students will be sitting the Transition 2 assessments in the assessment window between the **14th and 25th May**. These assessments allow us to measure the progress your son/daughter has made since the Transition 1 assessments from the last academic year.

Students are now preparing for these assessments in class and have been provided with revision material by subject teachers ahead of the exams. They will also be having an assembly next week on revision techniques. On the reverse of this letter I have attached the material that students need to be revising in each of their subjects. Please take the time to read through this content so that you are fully aware of the content your Son/Daughter should be revising at home to support their learning within school.

All students will have the option to attend a revision club each Monday after school prior to the assessments. Here they can bring any revision material along and receive support with their revision.

Some of the more creative subjects, such as Music, Dramatic studies and Product design are having ongoing assessment as part of modular project work. A standardised score will be based on performance and progress.

Yours Sincerely,

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Computing

The computer science T2 is going to consist of the following topics:

- Online Safety
- Programming/Pseudocode
- Problem Solving
- Data Representation - Binary and Hexadecimal
- Cryptography - Caesar Cipher
- 3D Modelling - Google SketchUp

All lessons leading up to the assessment will be revising this content in detail.

English

Year 9 will complete two examinations for English.

1) **Writing**- The focus of the assessment will be writing to argue and persuade. Students will be assessed on their ability to use a range of sentence forms accurately, vocabulary and paragraphing. Students will be given a revision pack and should focus on revising their synchronised sentences (found on page 15 of the homework diary). Useful resources can also be found on BBC Bitesize. The assessment will also assess student's understanding of homophones (their/there/know/which/witch) and apostrophes. The assessment will take place in the week commencing 21st May.

2) **Reading**- Students will be given a short unseen extract from 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. The extract will either be on Mr Hyde, Dr Jekyll or the setting. They will be required to write two PEE paragraphs about the extract and two PEE paragraphs about the rest of the text. Students need to include historical context and revise additional quotes from the rest of the text. They should learn two additional quotes for Mr Hyde, Dr Jekyll and the setting. All pupils will receive a revision pack. The assessment will take place in the week commencing 21st May.

Practice papers can be found on the BC website:

<http://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-college/curriculum/english>

French

The French T2 assessment has been designed to reflect French GCSE new challenges. There will be 4 assessments: speaking, writing, listening and reading.

Use kerboodle to access the digital version of the Foundation textbook to practise reading and listening comprehension. Student's should focus on Units 1,2,3 and 4 – relationship with others, marriage, food, films, music, physical activities, celebrations in France. Teachers have uploaded vocabulary lists onto Quizlet, which is a great tool to improve spelling and extend students' vocabulary range.

Exercise books are a gold mine of information where they will find models of extended and complex sentences, ideal to prepare for the writing task.

Geography

The T2 for Geography will focus on the topic of Natural Hazards. The assessment will include content based upon:

The structure of the earth and plate boundaries
The causes, effects and responses to earthquakes and volcanoes
Predicting tectonic hazards
Map skills and scale



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History

The T2 for History will focus on the causes of the Second World War. In the assessment students will need to use source evidence, interpretations and their own knowledge to write an essay on the most significant reason for the outbreak of war.

Students must know about the following content:

- The Treaty of Versailles
- The Great Depression and the Wall Street Crash
- The League of Nations and its failures
- The rise of the Nazi Party and Hitler's actions 1933-1939
- The Nazi-Soviet Pact
- American Isolationism before the war.

Maths

Students in Year 9 will be assessed on everything that they have done between T1 and T2. The topics that will be assessed include Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Averages, Probability, Angle Facts, Data Representation, Ratio & Proportion. A more detailed list of topics will be issued to all students. In addition to their books, students can use www.vle.mathswatch.com and www.mymaths.co.uk.

Religious Education

In RE students will be assessed on all content covered this academic year. This includes.....

- The sanctity of life
- Various view on abortion
- Capital punishment debate
- The design argument
- Key words vocabulary test.

Students will be prepared through extensive revision in lessons and will receive revision packs with all necessary materials to ensure they are fully prepared.

Science

Year 9 will do three exams for science. One for each subject covering the following content. Revision guides are available for separate subjects and a combined science guide depending on the option pathway chosen. The whole specification can be accessed here: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/sciences-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments>

These are the specification points the exam will cover.

- Biology: Topic 1 key concepts specification points 1.1 - 1.12
- Chemistry: Topic 2 States of matter (2.1-2.12); Topic 1 key concepts (1.1- 1.12)
- Physics: Motion and forces: (2.1-2.19, 2.27-2.30)