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Dear Parents / Guardian

Year 9 Assessment Week and Options

I am writing to inform you that Year 9 students are approaching their **Assessment Week**, which will take place during **w/c 13 January 2025**. This is a key opportunity for students to demonstrate their progress so far, this academic year.

In preparation for this, I would encourage all students to begin their revision early and to ensure that they are reviewing the relevant material thoroughly. The assessments will cover all subjects, and it is crucial that students engage with the guidance provided by their Teachers and Curriculum Leaders to focus on the key areas of study.

To support students during this time, the Y9 tutor team and I are working closely with the students to offer advice and guidance on effective revision strategies. We recommend that students create a revision timetable, set achievable goals, and balance their time effectively between subjects.

Please support your child by encouraging them to stay organised, prioritise their revision, and seek help from their teachers if they have any questions or concerns.

Year 9 will also be starting their journey into Key Stage 4 and will begin the process of picking their options. I have listed the important dates for you on the next page.

Please note that Computing and Economics have specific entry requirements, so it is crucial that your child completes their assessments to the best of their ability to maximise their chances of meeting these requirements and reaching their full potential.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding the upcoming assessment week, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ryan
Head of Year 9

Date	Event	Information
Wed 08 Jan	Year 9 Options Assembly	GCSE Options 2025 launched to students.
Mon 20 Jan	Options Booklet, Options Forms and pathways released	Students informed about what pathway they will take to KS4. Options Handbook shared with students and their families.
Thu 23 Jan	Think Ahead Day – Y9 Options Taster Sessions	Students have taster sessions with new subjects: Business, Economics, Health & Social Care and iMedia
Thu 30 Jan	GCSE Subject Information Evening	Families invited to GCSE and Options Information Presentation. Consultation with teachers to find out more about each subject.
03-04 Feb	Student Advisory Meetings (invite only)	Coaching Sessions to support students with making 'big decisions' and asking the right questions.
Thu 06 Feb	Year 9 Progress Meeting	Families meet with Y9 subject teachers to discuss current progress and suitability to KS4 courses.
Tue 25 Feb	Options Submission Deadline	Students must complete their options preferences form.