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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 practice exams and other important information

Practice exams

Students in Year 9 will soon be thinking about choosing their GCSE/BTEC options. In preparation for this they will take practice exams to assist with their option selections. These will take place in the two weeks commencing 29 November and 6 December. The practice exams will be in the Year 9 lessons and administered by their class teacher who will inform them of when the exams will be for each subject. Students need not worry about these practice exams as they will cover what has been taught in class with regards to the curriculum. Please remind students to be fully equipped for lessons. In year 9 this includes a Scientific calculator, which should be brought to school every day

Students will be given advice and support with regards to revision and exam techniques by their teachers and we would welcome your support in promoting the need to revise and the obvious link to improved outcomes. This way our students will be well prepared for exams and confident for beginning their Key Stage Four subjects in September 2022.

Other important information

We will be sending home a school report to inform you of the progress your son/daughter is making in early January 2022.

Mrs Kyle, our Careers Lead, has organised for all Year 9 students to have a careers interview in January 2022. This will be conducted by an Independent Careers Advisor. Appointment details will be sent out nearer the time.

We will be holding our Year 9 Options Evening on 23 February 2022 when you and your son/daughter will be invited into school to discuss GCSE and BTEC options with subject teachers.

In the summer term we will be issuing a second report and we also hope to hold a face-to-face parents evening – subject to any Covid restrictions in place at the time.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Charlie Hardy'.

Charlie Hardy
Assistant Headteacher