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Dear Parents / Carers,

KS3 Summer Assessments – Year 9

In the Summer Term Year 9 students will sit formal assessments in each of their subjects, during their timetabled lessons. These assessments will take place in timed conditions to give students an opportunity to showcase their learning and progress. Assessments will be marked and moderated in line with school policy and the results will be shared with students during lesson time.

The Year 9 Assessments are scheduled to take place between **Monday 8th May and Friday 19th May**. Individual class teachers will confirm the precise date of the assessment in each case.

At the end of the year, in our summer reports, students will receive a holistic end of year grade which also takes into account their progress in these assessments. Below you will find an overview of the assessments. Subject teachers will provide students with guidance around revision and expectations in their lessons.

Faculty	Format	Topics
History	In class, written exam, essay-style. No access to notes. (45 minutes)	Indian independence, end of apartheid
English	In-class written exam. Students will have access to a plan. (45 mins)	Writing an opinion article
Science	In-class, written exam, multiple choice, short answer and long answer questions. No access to notes. 3 separate papers in 3 separate lessons. (35 mins each)	Biology – B1 Cell Biology, B2 Organisation (up to and including enzymes). Chemistry – C9 The Atmosphere, C10a Sustainable development. Physics – P1 Energy
Maths	In-class, no access to notes. 1 x Non-Calculator and 1 x Calculator paper (60 mins each)	All topics covered this year.
Drama	In class final performance of Kneehigh Theatre Company inspired piece.	Modern Theatre



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PRE	In class essay style written assessment (45 Mins).	This will use content from the 'why believe in God' module.
German / French	Writing and speaking assessments in class.	All topics covered this year – speaking exam questions will be shared.
Geography	In-class, written exam, booklet-style, no access to notes. (50 minutes)	Resource Management, Geographies of Conflict & Tectonic Hazards
Music	In-class, listening and written exam using Google Forms, no access to notes. (30 mins)	All topics (Musical elements, instruments of the orchestra, notes and chords on the keyboard, treble clef notes, music for computer games, film music)
Visual Arts	In class practical exam – timed drawing exercise.	Self Identity

Should you have any further questions, please email admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk FAO Thom Leat or the specific subject which your query relates to.

Yours sincerely,

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