



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Mr T Spencer, BSc

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Dear Parents and carers,

## **Year 9 Assessment Week 2024**

On Monday 29th January, all Year 9 students will start their assessment week. Subject teachers will set an assessment that incorporates learning from across Key Stage 3. The assessment will take place in the classroom and teachers have saved relevant revision materials and a list of revision topics on the google classroom.

For the next two weeks, there will be no English, maths or science homework to give students time to revise for their subject assessments. The maths department will be running their assessment later in the term upon completion of their topic; dates will be shared with you nearer the time. In form time, students will be shown some useful revision strategies and will have time to put a revision timetable together for the next 2 weeks.

These assessments will not be used for setting, but will be a useful indication of current progress at Key Stage 3. More importantly, they will serve as an excellent practice for Key Stage 4 mocks and GCSE exams. This will be Year 9 students' first opportunity to learn essential revision strategies ahead of their Key Stage 4 exams and the assessment week will offer them the chance to use these strategies and build their confidence with independent revision. Teachers and form tutors will support the Year 9s with preparing for these exams and, where possible, the Inclusion Department will offer support to individuals during the assessments.

We will be talking to the students about revising little and often. A small amount of revision each day is better than revising large chunks once a week. Homework club (3pm - 4pm Monday to Thursday) will be available for Year 9 students who would like a place to revise where Mrs Cottenden is available to help. If students would prefer a quiet, independent study area, the library is available after school until 4pm.

Please ask if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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