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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that our Year 9 pupils will be having formal End of Year Assessments on Monday 2 June, Tuesday 3 June and Friday 6 June, alongside other assessments that will be taken in normal lessons.

Pupils in Year 9 will be taking GL standardised tests from the Progress Test series in English, Maths and Science, which will provide nationally standardised data that will be shared with parents. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/products/progress-test-series-for-secondary/>

Furthermore, pupils will also be completing Houlton assessments in almost all subjects so that we can identify how much of our KS3 curriculum pupils know and can remember. Results for these assessments will be shared with parents and carers in the final Year 9 reports, to be sent out before the end of this academic year.

To prepare for the start of Year 10 and more regular formal assessments, Year 9 pupils will be sat at individual desks in the Sports Hall for these tests, where we will introduce them to examination conditions. Year 9 pupils will also find out more information about examination expectations later this week in an assembly I will be presenting.

Any adjustments that are required for individual pupils will be organised by Mrs Dhadwal and her team. This will provide us with the opportunity to try out our access arrangements, following testing in school and before the formal application of request that will need to be made to JCQ in the first term of Year 10.

Revision resources that pupils may wish to use have been uploaded into a Google Drive, organised into separate subjects, for pupils to access. These include knowledge organisers, to enable pupils to be aware of what key knowledge they need to revisit. Furthermore, there are PLCs (personalised learning checklists) so that pupils can self-assess their knowledge and what they need to revisit. Mr Ellis will share the link to this Google Drive later this week.

A timetable for formal assessments can be found below; subject teachers will inform pupils if and when they are having other assessments in lessons:

Year 9 Exam Timetable 2-6 June 2025

Mon 2 June	Tues 3 June	Wed 4 June	Thurs 5 June	Fri 6 June
9.00-10.15am English GL Test	9.00-10.15am Maths GL Test	Year 9 Immunisations - normal lesson timetable.	Year 9 Immunisations - normal lesson timetable.	9.00-10.00am Science GL Test
Lesson 2	Lesson 2			Lesson 2
10.50-11.10am Break	10.50-11.10am Break			10.50 – 11.10am Break
11.10 - 12.10pm French	11.10 -12.10pm Geography			11.10 - 12.10pm Spanish
Lesson 4	Lesson 4			Lesson 4
1.10 - 1.50pm Lunch	1.10 -1.50pm Lunch			1.10 -1.50pm Lunch
1.50-2.50pm History	1.50-2.50pm Religious Studies			Lesson 5

If you have any questions regarding the End of KS3 Assessment Week, please contact either myself (lancinia@houlton.tlet.org.uk) or Miss A Smith (Data Manager – smitha@houlton.tlet.org.uk) and we will respond within two school working days.

Yours faithfully



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