



8 November 2022

Dear parent/guardian/carer

## Year 9 Diagnostic Assessment & GCSE Options

Year 9 students are due to undertake their mid-year assessments during the period of **Tuesday 3 January 2023 – Friday 13 January 2023**. These assessments are significant in informing the **GCSE options** process, and for providing **vital diagnostic feedback** to our subject teams.

These assessments will be undertaken in the classroom environment during their normal timetabled lessons.

Students are best able to prepare for their assessments by using the materials provided in their knowledge organiser booklets, and through the use of our Brainscape tool. Year 9 students are now well versed in a range of revision strategies, with particular highlight on self-quizzing effectively in order to improve their long-term memory.

The tracking point associated with this assessment period is collected by our teachers on the week commencing **Monday 23 January 2023**. Collected ATL scores and calculated 100 scores from this tracking point will form the basis of tie-break in any oversubscribed GCSE options.

I will be writing to you in the New Year outlining the full suite of information and arrangements for our GCSE options process, however dates for your diary are **Thursday 9 February 2023** for the Year 9 parent evening (virtual), and **Thursday 2 March 2023** for the GCSE Options evening (on site).

Looking toward the end of the academic year, our end of Year 9 assessments are scheduled to take place between **Monday 5 June – Friday 16 June 2023**. These assessments will form the basis for setting adjustments to take place at the beginning of Year 10.

Yours sincerely

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