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Dear parent/carers of a Year 9 student,

Your child will be sitting end of year examinations later this term, with examinations taking place between Monday 20 June and Friday 24 June. After this letter, you will find a timetable of the exams and, on page 3, a table showing what each exam will assess. Further details for students about what to revise will be uploaded to Satchel and be explained in lessons.

The end of year examinations are an opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills in each of their subjects. These exams provide the final assessment point in most subjects and will contribute to your child's overall grade for the year. In most cases, the exams cover much or all the content studied over the year. In some subjects, end of year exams will not take place; in these cases, students will instead be assessed through end of unit assessments or – in the case of practical subjects – practical assessments during lesson times.

Please encourage your child to prepare for these examinations thoroughly, carrying out regular revision in the lead-up to these examinations. As a school, we recommend that students revise by creating notes to summarise their learning; use flashcards to test themselves; and where possible answer similar questions to those likely to come up in the exams to implement their knowledge. We know that students are most likely to succeed with your support. Please encourage them, ask them questions about their work, ensure they are well-organised, and make sure they are eating and sleeping well.

Students should continue to arrive at school at the usual time, and will be dismissed at the usual time. All exams will take place in classrooms. When they do not have exams, students will attend their regular lessons.

As always, please ensure your child has all their normal equipment, including a water bottle, a black biro pen, a pencil, sharpener, and where appropriate, other specialist equipment (e.g. calculator, compass, protractor, coloured pencils, etc).

Thank you for your support; please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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End of year examination timetable

	Exam 1	Exam 2
Monday 20 June	Period 1: Science	Period 3: English Paper 1
Tuesday 21 June	Period 1: Computing	Period 3: Maths non-calculator
Wednesday 22 June	Period 1: History	Period 4: Geography
Thursday 23 June	Period 3: Maths calculator	-
Friday 24 June	Period 2: English Paper 2	Period 3: Religious Studies

Exam content

Subject	Time allowed	Content
Computing	50 minutes	Binary, denary, hexadecimal, binary addition, character sets, sounds, images, python programming, trends in computing.
English (paper 1)	1 hour	Reading exam assessing comprehension and analysis of an unseen fiction extract.
English (paper 2)	45 minutes	Writing exam assessing creative writing skills.
Geography	45 minutes	The end of unit assessment will focus on global issues and include questions from other topics throughout year e.g. Russia, hazards and coastal/river landscapes.
History	1 hour	Source questions will focus on Nazi Germany, WW2 or the Holocaust. Students are required to complete an essay on the impact of the Nazi occupation of Europe.
Maths (paper 1)	50 minutes	Non-calculator paper covering all topics studied in lessons this year: 9G1, 9G2, 9A1, 9A2 – Foundation and Crossover objectives 9O1, 9O2 – Crossover and Higher objectives
Maths (paper 2)	50 minutes	Calculator paper covering all topics studied in lessons this year: 9G1, 9G2, 9A1, 9A2 – Foundation and Crossover objectives 9O1, 9O2 – Crossover and Higher objectives
Religious Studies	1 hour	Tiered exam paper: Assorted Christian beliefs and ethical questions with Philosophical query
Science (paper 1)	90 minutes	Assessed on the following topics: Cellular biology, Organisation, Infectious disease, Bioenergetics, Atomic structure, Periodic table, Bonding, Energy, Particle model.