



9 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Formal Assessments

Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope you had an enjoyable break and are prepared for 2024. We look forward to our work with students this year and in particular supporting them towards their option choices later this year.

I am writing to inform you that all students in Years 9 will undertake formal assessments between Friday 19 January and Friday 26 January 2024. All assessments will take place during normal timetabled lessons.

These assessments will provide class teachers with in-depth information regarding your child's progress and understanding of the subject. They will also be used to support your child to improve and to inform option choices.

Student Preparation

Class teachers will provide your child with further information about their assessments. This will include guidance on what to revise and where to revise from, including providing resources to help with revision where needed. There will also be an assembly, which will fully explain the assessment process to your child and offer practical guidance on how to prepare. Staff from the SEND department will be working closely with teachers to ensure that any students who require additional support in their assessments receive this.

Results and Next Steps

Following the assessments, students will receive their results within each subject lesson. This will help your child to understand which areas they performed well on and which areas they may need more support with. They will then be provided with practical next steps to ensure they are able to work on the topics and skills they need to focus on most.

You will be provided with a mid-year report indicating your child's progress in each subject. This will be followed by Parents/Carers Evening on Thursday 22 February 2024 and then an Options Evening in School in March for students and parents/carers. We value working with you and would strongly encourage you to attend both of these events so we can work together in supporting your child's transition from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4.

If there are any queries regarding these assessments, please email admin@kings.patrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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