

September 2024

## Year 9 Cycle 1 Assessments

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child upholds our core values of resilience, integrity, and courtesy to ensure our school is a place where everyone feels welcome, and everyone succeeds.

We are approaching Cycle 1 Assessments for Year 9. Students will complete assessments in all subjects and these will be held between **14 October and 18 October**. Assessments will take place in classrooms this cycle under exam conditions.

At Dixons McMillan, we use assessment to make inferences about student progress and to ensure that all students receive the support they need. Teachers will analyse students' performance in these assessments in order to plan the most effective interventions in class.

Students will receive their results in class, and you will receive a Cycle 1 Report in December with details of the percentage scored by your child, along with how this compares with the average year-group performance across the school.

Please can you help your child to prepare for these assessments by:

- Providing them with a quiet space to revise
- Discussing their Cycle 1 assessments with them
- Guiding them to use their revision material and 100% folders
- Talking to them about their concerns or fears.

Please see overleaf for the schedule of assessments and the topics they will cover.

We would like to wish all our students the very best of luck and continue to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



**Lydia Gayle**  
Assistant Vice Principal



## Assessment Timetable

Year 9		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	MM					
Cycle 1	P1			English Assessment All classes		
	BR	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
	P2		Geography Assessment 9B/GE2 9B/GE3		PE Assessment 9A/PE1 9A/PE2	Science Assessment All classes
	P3			Geography Assessment 9B/GE1 RE Assessment 9A/RE1 9A/RE2	History Assessment 9B/Hi1 9B/Hi3	
	P4		Maths Assessment All classes	Spanish Assessment 2 9B/Sp1 9B/Sp2 9B/Sp3		Spanish Assessment 3 All classes
	BR	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
P5	Spanish Assessment 1 9A/Sp1 9A/Sp2	PE Assessment 9B/PE1 9B/PE2 9B/PE3		RE Assessment 9B/RE1 History Assessment 9B/Hi2	BTEC Options Assessment 9X/HS1 9X/Co1 9X/Dr1 9X/Ar1 9X/Sr1 9X/DT1	
P6	Spanish Assessment 1 9B/Sp1 9B/Sp2 9B/Sp3 Geography Assessment 9A/GE1 9A/GE2		Spanish Assessment 2 9A/Sp1 9A/Sp2	RE Assessment 9B/RE2 9B/RE3		

- Your assessments will take place during week 8 (week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October).
- Please familiarise yourself with your assessment timetable. Most assessments will take place in your usual classroom, at the normal lesson time.
- Only the classes listed will be sitting the assessment at that specific time.
- Highlight your class code to show you when you will be sitting each assessment.



Subject	Class code	Date of assessment	What should I revise?
<b>Spanish</b>	9A/Sp1	<b>Monday 14 October</b> <b>Wednesday 16 October</b> <b>Friday 18 October</b>	How to write in the past, present and future tense with opinions and reasons.  Vocabulary from these topics: free time, tv/film, mobile phones, sport, spending pocket money, celebrating birthdays.
	9A/Sp2		
	9B/Sp1		
	9B/Sp2		
	9B/Sp3		
<b>Science</b>	9A/Sc1	<b>Friday 18 October</b>	Science Skills, variables B1 - Cell Biology C1- Atomic structure & periodic table Forces & motion
	9A/Sc2		
	9B/Sc1		
	9B/Sc2		
	9B/Sc3		
<b>Maths</b>	9A/Ma1	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	<b>Foundation:</b> 1.Number:decimals,negatives ,fractions and percentages. 2. Angle rules 3. Data-Averages <b>Higher:</b> 1. Number – Standard Form, bounds 2.Algebra -Forming & Solving equations, expanding and factorising
	9A/Ma2		
	9B/Ma1		
	9B/Ma2		
	9B/Ma3		
<b>English</b>	9A/En1	<b>Wednesday 16 October</b>	Poetic Techniques Poetry – Brown Girl Dreaming by Jaqueline Woodson, Originally by Carol Ann Duffy Language analysis Comprehension Context poetry 100% sheet) Key words (poetry 100% sheet)
	9A/En2		
	9B/En1		
	9B/En2		
	9B/En3		
<b>Core PE</b>	9A/Pe1	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	Practical assessment <u>skills</u>
	9A/Pe2	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	
	9B/Pe1	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	
	9B/Pe2	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	
	9B/Pe3	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	



<b>History</b>	9A/Hi1	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	<b>Viking Expansion (750-1050)</b> Pages 1-5 of your History 100% sheet booklet, including: Challenges and Opportunities in Scandinavia Viking Beliefs and Practices Viking trade with Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire Viking trade with Baghdad and the Abbasid Caliphate
	9A/Hi2	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	
	9B/Hi1	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	
	9B/Hi2	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	
	9B/Hi3	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	
<b>Geography</b>	9A/Ge1	<b>Monday 14 October</b>	Definition of a natural hazard. Factors which increase the risk from natural hazards. Describe the distribution of hazards. Plate margins (destructive, constructive, conservative) Primary and secondary effects of natural hazards. L'Aquila and Nepal earthquakes
	9A/Ge2	<b>Monday 14 October</b>	
	9B/Ge1	<b>Monday 14 October</b>	
	9B/Ge2	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	
	9B/Ge3	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	
<b>RE</b>	9A/RE1	<b>Wednesday 16 October</b>	Use the link below to revise for a 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 mark question on Islam Beliefs.  <a href="#">GCSE RS Revision Guide - Islamic Beliefs.pdf</a>
	9A/RE2	<b>Wednesday 16 October</b>	
	9B/RE1	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	
	9B/RE2	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	
	9B/RE3	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	
<b>Computing</b>	9X/CO1	<b>Friday 18 October</b>	Assessment will be based on the practical evidence produced so far this cycle.
<b>Art</b>	9X/Ar1	<b>Friday 18 October</b>	Assessment will be based on the practical evidence produced so far this cycle
<b>DT</b>	9X/DT1	<b>Friday 18 October</b>	Students know the following for their assessment. <b>Materials:</b> Softwoods, hardwood, manufactured boards. Plastics such as acrylic and HIPS. <b>Tools and machinery:</b> Those used in the workshop such as scroll saw, coping saw and disc sander. <b>Health and Safety:</b> How to be safe in the workshop, what is a hazard.
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	9X/HS1	<b>Friday 18 October</b>	Assessment will be based on the practical evidence produced so far this cycle.
<b>BTEC Sport</b>	9X/Sr1	<b>Friday 18 October</b>	Sports Facilities/adaptations
<b>Drama</b>	9X/DR1	<b>Friday 18 October</b>	Practitioners Theatre styles Practitioner technique Vocal skills Physical skills

