



Dear Parents/Carers,

May 2026

## Year 9 Assessment Week 1st June – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

As we approach the end of Key Stage 3, Year 9 pupils will undertake a series of summative assessments designed to help us understand how well they have learned the curriculum. These assessments will take place between Monday 1st June and Friday 5th June 2026.

With GCSE courses beginning in September, these assessments provide an important opportunity for pupils to develop effective revision techniques and become familiar with the systems and expectations they will encounter during mock examinations in Years 10 and 11, as well as their final GCSE examinations in Summer 2027. Sitting exams in the hall venues can feel a little daunting for some students, so they will sit our core subjects in those spaces to help students get used to the process and to remove any fear before Year 10.

### Exam Arrangements

#### **Core Subjects** (English, Maths, Science):

- Pupils will sit these exams at individual desks under formal exam conditions in the Main Hall or Activity Studio, with invigilators present.
- All pupils will sit these exams at the same time.
- Where appropriate, access arrangements (such as extra time, a reader, a scribe, or use of a computer) will be provided. These pupils may complete their exams in smaller rooms with the support of our Individual Learning Department.

#### **Non-Core Subjects:**

- Assessments will take place in classrooms under the supervision of subject teachers.

### Preparing for the Assessments

We encourage pupils to approach these assessments positively, putting in their best effort with revision and preparation. It is important to remember that these results do not determine future study options, but they are valuable in helping pupils prepare for GCSE expectations. Teachers will support pupils by: identifying the key areas to be assessed, providing learning checklists and setting revision-focused homework in the weeks leading up to the assessments.

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to revise using the resources provided. Revision should take place at home or during after-school 'Study' sessions, as normal lessons will continue to follow the curriculum and will not be used for revision.



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### During the Assessment Period

When pupils are not sitting exams, they will attend their normal timetabled lessons, continuing with their regular learning.

Please can we ask you to make sure that your son/daughter is well-prepared with the necessary equipment for the exams. Specifically, we request that you purchase a clear pencil case which they will be able to use for GCSE examinations over the next two years.

### **Pupils will need to have the following items for exams:**

- Scientific calculator
- 30cm clear plastic ruler
- Pencils and a rubber
- A highlighter
- Black pens (minimum 2)
- Protractor
- Compass

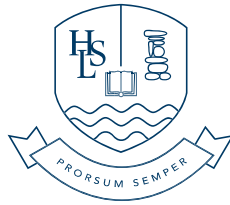


Please note that pupils are not permitted to wear a watch during exams and mobile phones should remain switched off in bags, as normal. Please read the exam timetable carefully.

| Dates:                    | Time: AM - 8:45 - 10:00  | Time: PM 14:10 - 15:35 |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Monday 1st June</b>    | English  | Maths (non-calculator) |
| <b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>   | Non-Core Assessments to be completed in normal classrooms, with usual teachers |                        |
| <b>Wednesday 3rd June</b> |  |                        |
| <b>Thursday 4th June</b>  | Maths (Calculator)   | Science                |
| <b>Friday 5th June</b>    | Non-Core Assessments to be completed in normal classrooms, with usual teachers |                        |

Yours sincerely,

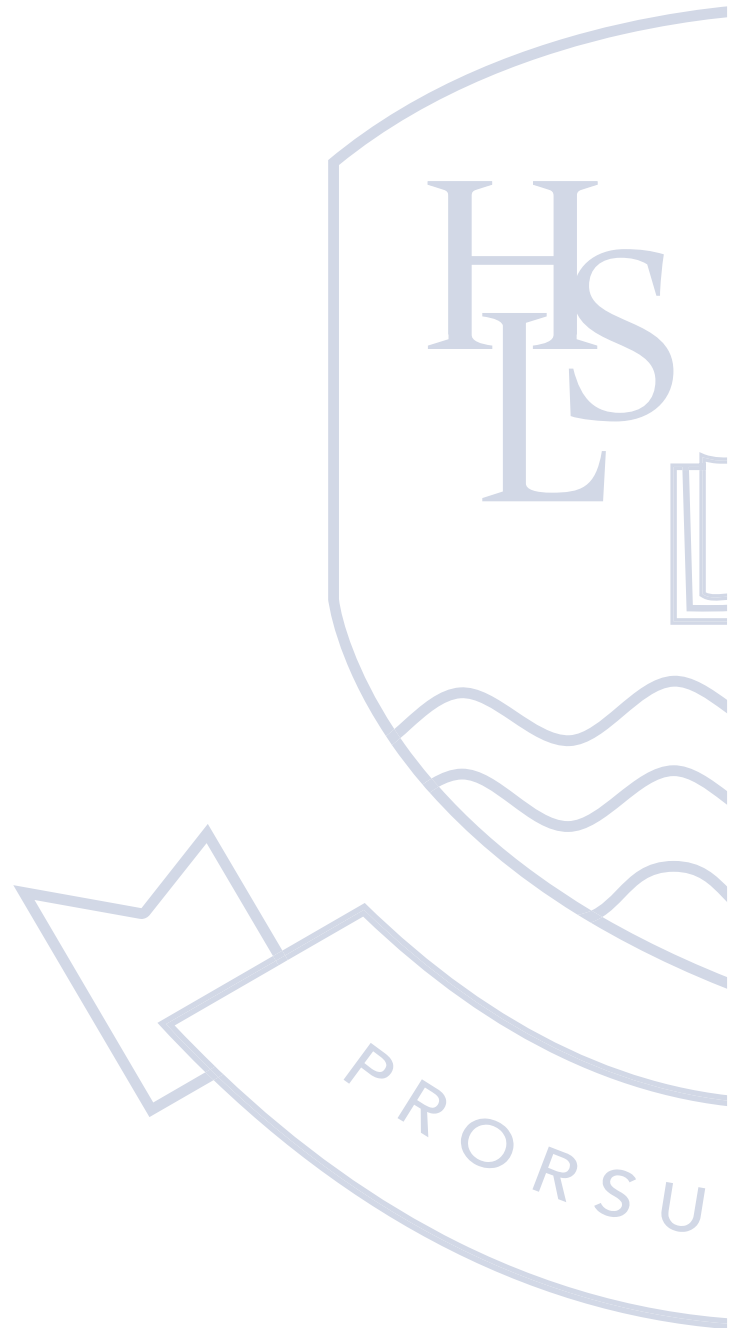




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