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DB/hr/Y9 information 27 October 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Y9 ASSESSMENT WEEK

I am writing to inform you that the Year 9 assessment week is due to take place on the **20**th – **24**th **November**. All tests will take place within student's normal lessons during the dates shown above with the exception of Spanish and French which will take place the following week between 27th - 30th November.

REVISION LISTS

Pupils will be told in lessons what they need to revise, and will be given some revision resources in some subjects. I know that some subject teachers have also given revision lists out in their lessons. Planned revision is essential to help the students to revisit information that has been covered over the year so far and to help relieve the pressure that students may feel when sitting assessments.

SUPPORT WITH REVISION

We recognise that assessments can be a worry for some students. Please see a link below regarding a recent study assembly which can be found on the website for students to refer to. I would also encourage students to consider the revision section of the 'Learning for Excellence' framework which is on the back cover of their planner.

<u>Study Skills – St Joseph's College (stjosephstrentvale.com)</u>

EQUIPMENT

It is vital that your child comes into school with the correct equipment for each exam. Please ensure that this is the case. We would also encourage them to also have bottled water with them. As always, we expect our students to behave impeccably during the tests.

LESSONS DURING ASSESSMENT WEEK

Please note that, other than timetabled tests, students will be in normal lessons. Therefore, they will need their exercise books and other equipment as normal.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2024

20th **February-** Year 9 Industry Day to support students with GCSE option choices **w/c 4**th **March** – Year 9 Exam Week (in hall)

20th March - Options assembly for all Year 9 students to outline the options approach

21st **March** - Options Evening for all parents / guardians to share information and the next steps involved with their child choosing their GCSE options (the evening will also include some careers information)

25th **April** – Y9 Parents' Evening (face to face)

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Year 9

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