

NSH/CCH

9 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**YEAR 9 DECEMBER MOCK EXAMINATIONS:
MONDAY 5 DECEMBER TO MONDAY 12 DECEMBER**

Please find enclosed with this letter, a copy of the overview for our Year 9 mock examination timetable, your child's personalised timetable and a copy of the Year 9 revision list.

The purpose of these examinations are to continue preparing our students for the rigour of the final GCSE examinations that they will be sitting in summer 2025 of their Year 11. These examinations take place in formal examination venues in the same format as our Year 10 Summer mocks and our Year 11 January mocks

We will hold a special Year 9 assembly where the expectations that we have for our students over the course of the mocks will be shared. These expectations are in place to ensure that all of our students are as prepared as possible for their examinations. This assembly will also include revision tips and advice as well as useful websites.

To support and prepare our students for the autumn mock examinations, our Year 9 teachers will be delivering a programme of teaching, advice, and support and revision advice. Students will also receive a lesson on revision tips and examination practice in Tutor time.

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Whilst we stress the importance of your child taking any assessments seriously, preparing for them as best as they can and striving to achieve their best, we equally stress the importance of health and wellbeing. We are fully committed to supporting all of our students in ensuring that we support and prepare them as best we can as they continue with their studies throughout Year 9.

If you have any further queries about the forthcoming examinations, or support for your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year, Form Tutor, Subject Teacher, or relevant Head of Faculty or Department.

Students will be issued with their results from the autumn mocks in the January grade card.

Other Key Dates for Parents/Carers:

- Year 9 Grade Card including mock results (early January 2023).
- Year 9 Options Evening Tuesday 31 January (Format and further details to follow).
- Year 9 Parent/Carer subject evening Wednesday 8 February.
- Year 9 Grade Card 2 (May 2023).
- Confirmation of Year 10 Options (summer 2023).

Yours sincerely



Mr N Holmes
Director of Student Progress



Year 9 Autumn Mock Examinations Week
Week Commencing: 5 December 2022
Revision List

You can find revision support on our VLE and One Drive. Your teachers will show you where this is. All Year 9 students have access to this. You should also use your exercise books. There are a range of revision websites students can use. BBC Bitesize is a good start. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

SUBJECT	YEAR 9
ART	Key foundation knowledge task, the focus will be on specialist key vocabulary and concepts.
COMPUTING	Python, binary numbers, ASCII character representation, digital graphics and digital sound
DT	Workshop tools and equipment Material categories 6 R's of Sustainability Product Life Cycle Assessment The impact materials have on the environment Modelling
ENGLISH	The task is to produce a piece of descriptive writing based on an image. The image will be linked to ideas studied in 'The Book Thief'. Students should use a wide range of language techniques such as similes, metaphors, personification, and pathetic fallacy. Use ambitious and powerful key vocabulary. Include structural techniques such as juxtaposition, foreshadowing, and motif. Also, include a range of sentence types (simple, compound, embedded, and subordinate clauses) as well as a wide variety of ambitious punctuation in their writing.
FOOD	Food safety and hygiene, eat well guide, diet, and healthy, sensory qualities.
FRENCH	The main focus of the mock exam will be Unit 1- Healthy Living. Students should revise key vocabulary from this topic and the grammar rules for forming past, present, and future tenses. The writing task will require the use of extended sentences; therefore, students should also revise connectives, time phrases, intensifiers, and opinions. Teachers will provide a knowledge organiser in advance, which should be used as the main revision tool.)
GEOGRAPHY	What is a natural hazard? The structure of the earth, hazard risk, plate boundaries (location & types), tectonic theories, convection currents, earthquakes, & volcanoes. Map skills such as grid references, human and physical geographical features, distance and geographical skills.

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HISTORY	Causes of World War One, The Battle of the Somme (General Haig), Life in the trenches (conditions), Causes of the Russian Revolution
MANDARIN	The exam will be a reading exam in Chinese characters only, and will be challenging. Students need to focus on recognising job vocabulary in particular, but also: forms of transport, places in town, food, family members. These are all in the students' vocabulary booklets. Students will not need to write any Chinese; they will only need to answer in English. .
MATHS	Students will be given a separate guide for Maths by their teacher
RE	<p>Year 9 - Ethics - all topics and lessons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What ethics is? How we make decision. Absolute and relative morality. • Situation ethics - who proposed it? Main teachings and how it can be used to make decisions. Strengths and weaknesses. • Virtue ethics - who proposed it? Main teachings and how it can be used to make decisions. • Utilitarian ethics - who proposed it? Main teachings and how it can be used to make decisions. Strengths and weaknesses. • Examples of situations where the three theories could be used/put to the test - to save lives, dilemmas like stealing or killing • Own views on the 3 ethical theories <p>Year 9 - Stewardship - all topics and lessons so far</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Stewardship? Why is it needed? Examples of 'bad' stewardship • Examples of good stewardship • Religious responses - Christian reasons to support stewardship - including beliefs about creation - quotes and sources of authority • Evaluation response on stewardship that you have covered in lessons <p>Your teacher will spend one lesson planning revision with you and send revision power points and the resources booklets to you on Frog</p>

SUBJECT	YEAR 9
SCIENCE	<p>Physics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The particle model • Density calculations and density practical • Internal energy • Specific heat capacity calculations and practical • Specific latent heat • Motion of gases <p>Chemistry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atoms. elements, compounds, and mixtures • Separating mixtures • The structure of the atom • The development of the model of the atom • Electron configuration • Trends and patterns in the periodic table • The development of the periodic table over time <p>Biology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant and animal cells • Prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells • Tissues, organs, and organs systems • Microscopes and magnification calculations
SPANISH	<p>Unit 1 - Relationships and Unit 2 - Leisure and interests</p> <p>Revision content:</p> <p>Students should revise the following vocabulary: family members, personality and physical descriptions, key verbs and expressions to describe relationships, free time activities, TV programmes, verbs, and adjectives to express/justify opinion. Students should also revise using past, present, and future tenses and be prepared to complete reading and writing questions.</p>

Jesmond Park Academy Year 9 Mocks Overview
Monday 5 December 2022 – Monday 12 December 2022

Time	Monday 5 December 2022	Tuesday 6 December 2022	Wednesday 7 December 2022	Thursday 8 December 2022	Friday 9 December 2022	Monday 12 December 2022
9:00am	Science 1hr 15mins	Geography 1hr 15mins	Spanish Reading & Writing 1hr	Mathematics 1hr 30mins	Technology 30mins (9:45am) Food 30mins	RE 1hr
10:45am					Art 30mins	
1:15pm	English 50mins	Mandarin reading 1hr	History 1hr	Computing 1hr	French Reading & Writing 1hr	

*Please note, Performing Arts mocks will take place within lessons.